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Above: 2nd Infantry Division enlisted chaplain Sgt. Robert Hopkins presides over the first formal U.S. POW funeral in Germany during World War II. Two other soldiers in the photo were shot for refusing to give up the flag and this photograph, which they stole from the Germans. Right: 2nd ID Museum technician Incha Koslosky prepares the flag for shipment from South Korea to Arlington National Cemetery for Hopkins' funeral. The flag was fashioned by POWs from two sugar bags and colored with blue and red dye, as well as blood.



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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Pakistan hunt:** Pakistan on Thursday said it was lifting "economic sanctions" against four tribes living near the Afghan border in return for their cooperation with the government in tracking down foreign militants and those who shelter them.

The sanctions, which included forced closure of shops owned by tribesmen and impounding of their vehicles, were imposed against nearly one dozen tribes in May after they failed to evict suspected foreign terrorists from their areas.

**Israel cabinet firing:** Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has decided to fire a Cabinet minister who was heard in a taped conversation planning to frame a fellow minister, officials said Thursday.

Dramatic two-year-old tapes were broadcast Wednesday on Israel TV.

In the recordings, Cabinet minister Joseph Paritzky is heard detailing his plans to frame fellow Shinui Party member and Cabinet minister Avraham Poraz.

**Diana's fountain overflows:** Princess Diana's memorial fountain needs a bit of tinkering after it overflowed during a fierce storm a day after opening in London, officials said Thursday.

During Wednesday's storm, the pumps were slowed as winds of 70 mph blocked the fountains outflow with leaves, causing the ring-shaped granite fountain to overflow onto the surrounding lawn.

**Bird flu outbreak:** Simultaneous outbreaks of bird flu in Vietnam, China and Thailand are a coincidence and not likely to pose a major threat to the region, U.N. officials said Thursday, while China announced that it had slaughtered 30,000 chickens to contain the disease.

Despite the optimistic U.N. projections, officials in Vietnam, where the disease killed 16 people earlier this year, were taking no chances and said they were bracing for a possible resurgence.

**Afghanistan election killing:** A female election worker was killed by a mine blast in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday, officials said, while six Afghan soldiers died in an attack in the west blamed on the Taliban. The mine hit a pickup truck on a road in Khogyani district of Nangarhar province, 60 miles east of the capital, Kabul, said Faizan U-Haq, a spokesman for the provincial government.

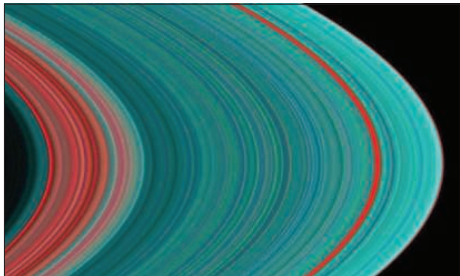
**SARS resignation:** Hospital Authority Chairman Dr. Leong Che-hung said Thursday he was resigning over last year's SARS crisis, making him the second senior health official in Hong Kong to do so in as many days.

Leong stressed that "no mistakes" were made by the Hospital Authority in an eastern Indonesian island on Thursday after it erupted, spewing ash and dust into the air and forcing villagers to flee.

Mount Merapi on Java island was quiet following Wednesday's minor eruption, said

**Indonesian volcano:** Seismologists were monitoring a volcano on an eastern Indonesian island on Thursday after it erupted, spewing ash and dust into the air and forcing villagers to flee.

Mount Merapi on Java island was quiet following Wednesday's minor eruption, said



**Cassini mission:** Ultraviolet images of Saturn's rings taken by the international Cassini spacecraft may offer astronomers clues about the origin of the planet's shimmering halos of ice and debris, scientists said Wednesday. The images show more ice towering the outer part of the rings, possibly providing hints about how the rings have changed over time, according to mission scientists. Saturn's rings are mostly ice but also contain other "dirty" material that astronomers want to investigate.

volcanologist Syamsul Rizal. Officials stationed close to the 5,587-foot peak were watching over it from a nearby village.

## States

**LAPD beating probe:** A police officer is under investigation for apparently kneeing an unarmed black man who also was beaten with a flashlight during an arrest.

The LAPD is looking into what role Officer Peter Bueno played in the June 23 beating of Stanley Miller, who is suspected of car theft, according to Thursday's editions of the Los Angeles Times.

**Michael Jackson case:** Prosecutors for Santa Barbara County, Calif., bullied some grand-jury witnesses and argued with others while allowing one to refer to Michael Jackson as "the devil," the pop star's attorneys claimed in court papers released Wednesday.

Only 47 pages of a 126-page motion to dismiss Jackson's indictment because of alleged prosecutorial misconduct were released by Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Melville.

Over protests by media groups, most of the document has been sealed, along with the response to it by the district attorney's office.

**Peterson trial:** Prosecutors contend Scott Peterson stuffed his pregnant wife's body in the toolbox of his pickup truck before setting out to dump her body in San Francisco Bay, revealing for the first time how they believe he may have hauled the body nearly 100 miles without anyone noticing.

Prosecutors used a re-enactment of sorts to make their point, showing jurors pictures of a pregnant woman in the toolbox. Her measurements were nearly identical to

those of Laci Peterson at the time she vanished.

**Terror computer sales:** A federal jury has convicted five Middle East-born brothers on charges of illegally selling computers to countries that supported terrorism.

The men, who ran a computer company called InfoCom Corp., were convicted Wednesday of conspiracy to violate export regulations and sanctions against Libya and making false statements on export shipping documents.

The jury deliberated nearly three days after a four-week trial.

**Patriot Act challenge:** Lawmakers who say portions of the USA Patriot Act went too far are taking aim at its provision that made it easier for investigators to learn what people are reading — despite a veto threat from the White House.

The House planned to vote Thursday on a proposal by Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., that would prevent the government from using the Patriot Act to demand records from book stores and libraries. The election-season showdown is the latest over the law, which Bush has sought to expand but which Democrats and some conservative Republicans say has infringed on individual rights.

## Business

**Martha Stewart denied new trial:** A federal judge in New York denied Martha Stewart's latest request for a new trial based on allegations that a government ink expert lied on the witness stand at her first trial, prosecutors said Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum turned down the request, said Megan Gaffney, a spokeswoman for federal prosecutors in Manhattan.

The decision appeared to pave the way for the celebrity homemaker to be sentenced next week for lying about a 2001 stock

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# 51st D soldiers killed in Samarra attack

BY RAVI NESSMAN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents bombarded headquarters used by U.S. troops and Iraqi forces with mortar rounds in the city of Samarra on Thursday, destroying the building and killing five U.S. soldiers from Germany-based units of the 1st Infantry Division and one Iraqi guardsman, the U.S. military said.

The attack, part of a day of violence and street battles in the city, wounded 20 U.S. soldiers and four Iraqi guardsmen, said Maj. Neal O'Brien, a 1st ID spokesman.

The violence also killed three civilians, medical officials said. U.S. helicopters killed four Iraqi attackers, O'Brien said.

Also Thursday, the Philippines barred its contract workers from traveling to Iraq after militants released a videotape threatening to kill a Filipino hostage if the country does not withdraw its troops.

Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, located in the so-called Sunni Triangle, is a hotbed of anti-coalition resistance. Since March it has been the headquarters of Task Force 1-26, made up primarily of soldiers from the 1st ID's 2nd Brigade in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Iraqi insurgents began a massive attack on forces there about 10:30 a.m., when they launched 38 mortars at the Iraqi National Guard's headquarters, collapsing the building, O'Brien said. The attack came one week after Lt. Col. Kirk Allen, the Task Force 1-26 commander, had turned over control of the city to its mayor amidst cheers and fanfare.

The military said some of the mortar rounds landed in civilian areas.

Dr. Abid Tawfiq, director of the Samarra General Hospital, said three civilians were killed in the violence and 20 others were injured.

About 25 minutes after the mortar attack — when radar determined where the attack had originated — U.S. soldiers responded with four mortar rounds.

U.S. and Iraqi troops fanned out through the city to flush out insurgents and were fired on by four men who fled into a building, O'Brien said. U.S. helicopters attacked the building with Hellfire missiles, killing the attackers, he said.

Gunsshots and tank shell explosions could still be heard, deep into the afternoon. Three U.S. tanks blocked a bridge that linked the base with the city.

The names of the five U.S. soldiers killed were being withheld pending the notification of next of kin, O'Brien confirmed they are 1st ID troops based in Germany but did not identify the unit.

Earlier in the day, a U.S. military convoy in Samarra was targeted by a roadside bomb that wounded one U.S. soldier, O'Brien said.

O'Brien told Stars and Stripes there have been sporadic mortar attacks targeting U.S. and Iraqi forces in Samarra for most few weeks. Until Thursday, none had hit government or coalition buildings.

"Usually they land among the civilian and kill innocent civilians," O'Brien said. "This is the

first that actually landed at one of the compounds."

Last month, a rocket slammed into Logistical Support Area Anasconda near Balad, about 20 miles southeast of Samarra, and wounded three U.S. soldiers and wounding 25 people, the military said.

Meanwhile, an explosion ripped through a car outside a textile factory in Baghdad's Dora neighborhood, killing a former senior Baath Party official, said police Lt. Ammar Yassin. Authorities don't yet know the cause of the explosion that killed Ali Abbas Hassan at the gate of his factory.

Also Thursday, gunmen strafed a truck on the road between Samarra and Balad, prompting the vehicle to flip over and kill two Turkish truck drivers, witnesses said. Insurgents have taken many truck drivers hostage in an effort to spread fear and disrupt supply efforts for U.S. forces.

A group loyal to insurgency leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi threatened Friday morning to execute two Bulgarian hostages if the U.S. military did not release all Iraqi detainees within 24 hours, according to a videotape broadcast on the Al-Jazeera television station.

The Tawhid and Jihad group sent Al-Jazeera a video showing the two unidentified Bulgarians sitting with their hands cuffed, flanked by three masked men, two carrying rifles and one carrying a rocket propelled grenade launcher. On the wall behind them was their group's black flag with a golden circle.

Stars and Stripes reporter Steve Liewer contributed to this report.



An Iraqi policeman stands Thursday at the site of a roadside bomb that went off prematurely, destroying a civilian car and killing its occupant in Baghdad.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

By The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, 867 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 645 died as a result of hostile action and 222 died of nonhostile causes. The military did not provide an update over the holiday weekend.

The British military has reported 59 deaths. Italy has reported 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 729 U.S. servicemembers have died — 536 as a result of hostile action and 193 of nonhostile causes, according to the military as of Wednesday.

The latest deaths reported by military:

■ A soldier assigned to the 13th Corps Support Command was killed Wednesday in a vehicle accident near Ramadi, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Justin T. Hunt, 22, Riverside, Calif., killed Tuesday in Anbar province, Iraq, assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Killed Monday in Anbar province, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.:

■ Marine Cpl. Dallas L. Kerns, 21, Mountain Grove, Mo.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Michael S. Torres, 21, El Paso, Texas.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. John J. Vangyzen IV, 21, Bristol, Mass.

## U.S. Marine reported safe in Lebanon

Spokeswoman at embassy in Beirut says Cpl. Hassoun is being debriefed there

BY SAM F. GHATTAS

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A U.S. Marine who disappeared in Iraq 18 days ago has arrived at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, where American officials are debriefing him, an embassy spokeswoman said Thursday.

Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun is safe and appears to be in good health, a Pentagon official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Hassoun made contact with U.S. officials and arranged a meeting place.

"We picked him up in Beirut," said embassy spokeswoman Elizabeth Wharton.

She said Hassoun arrived at the fortified embassy in the hilly Aukar suburb, north of Beirut, accompanied by family members.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said: "We were able to get him home."

Boucher said Hassoun arrived at the embassy around 6 p.m., but he had no details and no information on Hassoun's immediate plans. As for his military status, Boucher said that would be up to the Defense Department.

When reached at his home in Jordan, Utah, home Thursday morning, Hassoun's brother, Mohamed, said he had no comment.



This undated photo of missing U.S. Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun and his mother in the United States was given to The Associated Press by his family in the northern city of Tripoli, Lebanon, on Thursday.

Contradictory reports have surrounded the fate of the 24-year-old Lebanese native since his disappearance June 20.

On Saturday, a statement posted on a Web site known for extremist Muslim comment said Hassoun had been beheaded. A day later, another Web statement declared he had not been killed.

An Iraqi militant group said Monday it was holding him in a safe place but hadn't killed him. Al-Jazeera television broadcast the statement from "Islamic Response," which claimed responsibility June 27 for Hassoun's kidnapping.

U.S. television network NBC reported the Navy was investigating whether his

disappearance may be part of a kidnapping hoax. A Marine spokeswoman confirmed the Navy investigation remains open.

A gunbattle erupted Thursday in the northern Lebanese town of Tripoli between members of Hassoun's clan and people accusing them of being American collaborators, Lebanese security and hospital officials said. Two people were killed and a third was wounded.

Officials said the casualties were not members of the Hassoun clan, which numbers over 1,000 people, and the shooting took place in a district apart from the neighborhood where Cpl. Hassoun's family lives.

# U.S. troop numbers in Afghanistan grow

## Now at 17,900, force strength will remain steady until end of the year

By LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — U.S. military forces in Afghanistan now number 17,900 and are likely to remain at that level at least through the New Year, according to senior Pentagon leaders.

Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, the Joint Staff's Director of Operations, gave the size of the current U.S. presence in Afghanistan during testimony Wednesday before the House Armed Services Committee.

His revelation that there are close to 18,000 U.S. troops involved in Operation Enduring Freedom appeared to surprise some members of the committee — including Rep. John Spratt, a Democrat from South Carolina — who had presumed a considerably smaller presence.

"We have a huge ongoing mission" in Afghanistan, Spratt said. "Yet we've only got 12,000 troops there. ... Are we slighting and undersizing, under-resourcing the mission in Afghanistan because of the demands on the mission in Iraq?"

"In point of fact, right at the moment we have about 17,900 U.S. troops in Afghanistan," Schwartz replied. "And that number is adequate for the mission."

Schwartz said the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan "has grown over the last few months for several reasons, including anticipation of [Afghan presidential] elections in the early fall."

Schwartz said that the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan would remain steady "for months to come."

"I believe that after the first of the year we'll begin to see some adjustments," Schwartz said.

Troops currently in Iraq represent the fifth major rotation since the United States became involved in that country in late 2001.

According to Schwartz, the bulk of the U.S. force is made up of soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division from Hawaii.

Those troops include the 25th ID Headquarters, Division Artillery Headquarters, its Aviation and Support Brigades, and the 2nd and 3rd Combat Brigade teams.

The training mission for the Afghan National Army, meanwhile, is now the responsibility of the Oklahoma National Guard, Schwartz said.

Augmenting the 25th ID are Marine aviation and ground forces, many of whom are from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp LeJeune, N.C., Lt. Gen. Jan C. Huly, deputy commander of the Marine Corps for Plan, Policies and Operations, said during the hearing.

The 22nd MEU "has been on the ground for three or four months," Huly said.

The Marines are at Forward Operating Base Ripley in south-central Afghanistan, according to the official 22nd MEU Website ([www.usmc.mil/22ndmeu](http://www.usmc.mil/22ndmeu)).

The amphibious ships assigned to the MEU, meanwhile, have remained in waters "near Afghanistan," and "these ships will bring them out and home," Huly said.

Various news reports have also indicated that other U.S. elements now at the mission include the 1st Battalion of the 3rd Special Forces Group, the 2nd Battalion,

75th Ranger Regiment (the unit Arizona Cardinals safety Pat Tillman was assigned to when he was killed in Afghanistan in April), and about 250 soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment.

The sixth rotation for Operation Enduring Freedom, which will begin later this year, will include a division headquarters element from U.S. Army Europe's Southern European Task Force and the 13th Infantry Brigade from Vicenza, Italy.

Training of the Afghan National Army will be taken over by the 76th Infantry Brigade of the Indiana National Guard, Schwartz said.

Neither Huly nor Schwartz said which Marine units would be tapped for the coming rotation. However, the 11th MEU, from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and the 24th MEU, from Camp LeJeune, are presently deployed to Iraq, which leaves only the U.S.-based 13th, 15th, 26th MEUs as candidates.

The Corps' remaining MEU, the 31st MEU, is based in Okinawa, Japan.

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Three Americans, who were on a freelance counterterrorism mission that included holding eight inmates in a private jail, were arrested Monday during a raid in Kabul, according to a senior official. The three stayed in this house in Kabul.

## Americans arrested in Kabul said to have run private jail

By AMIR SHAH

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan forces arrested three Americans on a freelance counterterrorism mission after busting into a private jail the trio were allegedly running and finding prisoners hanging from their feet, officials said Thursday.

The U.S. military, facing a widening investigation into prisoner abuse, quickly distanced itself from the three, who had been posing as American agents before their detention Monday in Kabul.

Afghan officials also dismissed claims by the apparent ringleader, a purported former Green Beret called Jonathan K. Idema, that he was a "special adviser" to their security forces.

The Americans and four Afghans that were detained along with them "formed a group and pretended they were fighting terrorism," Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali said. "They arrested eight people from across Kabul and put them in their jail."

Another Afghan security official said intelligence and police officials who raided the group's house on Monday found the prisoners hung by their feet.

"They were hanging upside down," the official said on condition of anonymity. The official said a report showed that the men also were beaten, though he had no details.

Jalali said the American-led group had no "legal link" to any Afghan or other authorities.

Still, officials said they were seen regularly around Kabul wearing military uniforms and armed with assault rifles.

Afghan police and intelligence officers seized the men in downtown Kabul on Monday. Jalali said the men were operating in Kabul under the guise of working for an export company.

The U.S. military took the unusual step on Monday — before news of his detention was known — of distancing itself from Idema, who allegedly represented himself as an American government and/or military official.

## U.S. hopeful NATO will start Iraq training soon

By PAUL AMES

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — NATO instructors could be on the ground in Iraq within weeks to begin training the country's armed forces, the U.S. envoy to the alliance said Thursday, despite continuing differences with France over the nature of the mission.

The 25 NATO nations agreed at a summit last week in Istanbul, Turkey, to offer training to the Iraqi forces, but French President Jacques Chirac argued that should not entail an allied presence on the ground.

He suggested instead that training could be carried out through bilateral missions by individual NATO nations and by instructing Iraqi officers outside the country.

A NATO military delegation is visiting Iraq and is expected to report back to headquarters next week with a range of possible options for carrying out the training.

"Our expectation is that NATO will see its way to do that this summer, a mission in Iraq," Ambassador Nicholas Burns told reporters at allied headquarters. "We very much hope so."

Diplomats said two meetings of NATO envoys in Brussels since the Istanbul summit had done little to narrow the gap between the French and the Americans — who would prefer a major mission in Iraq under NATO command.

"There's no question that our leaders have already made the decision, that there's going to be a NATO mission in Iraq," Burns said. "There's every reason now for us all to help this new government."

An Iraqi delegation is expected to visit Brussels next week to discuss the issue with NATO officials and meet foreign ministers from the European Union to see how that organization can help with reconstruction.

NATO military experts headed by U.S. Adm. Greg Johnson traveled to Baghdad this week on a mission to assess the training needs.

## 800 to be flown home

NORFOLK, Va. — About 800 military family members living in Bahrain will be flown home this week, days after U.S. officials announced that Americans in the Persian Gulf nation were at risk of terrorist attack.

Rear Adm. Stephen A. Turcotte, commander of the Navy's Mid-Atlantic region, told The Virginian-Pilot on Wednesday that military dependents in Bahrain will return by way of the Norfolk Naval Station.

One family has already arrived.

## Alleged killers surface

BAGHDAD — A militant group calling itself the Islamic Army in Iraq claimed responsibility for the March 31 killings of four American contractors whose bodies were mutilated in the restive city of Fallujah. The claim was made in a CD-ROM obtained by The Virginian-Pilot, which also showed footage purported to be of the attack, identification papers of the victims and papers with the logo of their company, Blackwater Security Consulting.

From The Associated Press



# WWII funeral flag to attend one last service

## Made to cover caskets in German POW camps, flag to reunite with owner for his burial

By SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP RED CLOUD, South Korea — A flag colored in part with the blood of U.S. prisoners of war and draped over their coffins for funerals at *stalags* will be used one last time at Arlington National Cemetery next month.

The flag will cover the coffin of its owner, retired Sgt. Robert Hopkins. The former enlistee captured in the 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, used the flag at more than 300 POW funerals during World War II.

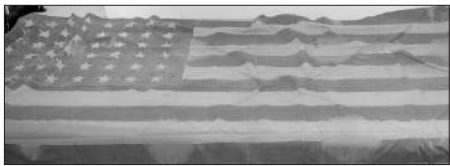
It will be transported to the Virginia cemetery from its home at the 2nd ID Museum at Camp Red Cloud, where Hopkins left it in 1979.

Hopkins was captured in the Battle of the Bulge at Krikkelt, Belgium, in December 1944 and forced to march with 2,300 POWs to a *stalag*, or World War II German prisoner of war camp.

"Within two weeks of being a prisoner, it was my sad job to bury over 700 American soldiers. Not because they were all worn out. Not because they were ready to die but because somebody didn't want them to live. The Germans would shoot them for sport," he recalled at the time he donated the flag to the museum.

Hopkins was a POW at Stalag VIIIA near Gorlitz and in January 1945 officiated the first formal military funeral service inside Germany, for American POW Bruce Schalm.

The Germans agreed to allow a flag to be used and for Schalm to be buried in a make-



This U.S. flag, used at funerals of Allied POWs during World War II, is headed from South Korea to Arlington National Cemetery, where it will be used during its owner's funeral.

shift casket made of boards bound with wire. Prison corpses were normally stripped and tossed in an open pit, Hopkins said.

"The flag ... was made from two sugar bags, which two British soldiers stole from the camp," he recalled.

It was painted with blue and red dye mixed with blood, he said.

"That was easy to come by. Soldiers were always bleeding to death," he said.

Guards photographed the service for propaganda purposes but POWs stole the photographs. The Germans were furious, Hopkins said.

"Three days later, I watched two British soldiers being shot to death by having bullets fired into their feet, then every six inches up their bodies until they died. Their last words were 'Don't let them find the flag, use it for the memory of all who die,'" he said.

When Hopkins was transferred to another *stalag* he took the flag with him. He and other soldiers carried it for more than 2,300 miles all over Germany, he said.

"The flag was hid so no German could find it. After we left Gorlitz the guards were more tolerable and at times we were permitted to use the flag, then the flag would go into hiding again," he said.

Four months later, Hopkins escaped, taking the flag with him. After the war he became a Methodist Minister in Natural Bridge, Va.

After he died earlier this month, his family asked the 2nd ID Museum to loan them the flag for his funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Center for Military History approved the request and the flag is on its way to Arlington. It will return to the 2nd

ID Museum after the ceremony, a museum staff member said.

"We are honoring a member of the greatest generation and this is the least we can do. This guy was a real hero," the staff member said.

Hopkins' son, Norman Hopkins, who served as a U.S. Army sergeant in Vietnam, said his father often told the story of the flag, which sat in a cupboard of their home while he was growing up.

"When I was young, I used to see the flag and hold it in my hands. Dad would tell me about the British soldiers who got shot because they would not give it up. The flag meant a lot to my dad and it means a lot to me," he said.

Norman Hopkins said that although his father was a chaplain, he carried a .45 revolver and a Thompson machine gun during the war.

"He was asked one time ... why he carried guns. He said: 'A shepherd must protect his flock.'"

Hopkins' funeral will include an honor guard to fold the flag before its return to the museum, he said.

The British soldier's sacrifices for the flag are an example for today's soldiers, Norman Hopkins said.

The last time it was used at a funeral, he said, "was in World War II. I hope ... the alliances we have in Europe and in Asia are as strong as they were during World War II. It doesn't matter if it is a South Korean soldier, a French soldier, an Italian soldier or an Australian soldier. The alliance should be there."

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# NATO officials in early planning stage of NCO academy

By KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

CASTEAU, Belgium — NATO officials are in the process of establishing an academy for senior noncommissioned officers, espe-

cially those from Eastern European nations, according to the alliance's top NCO.

The development of an NCO academy is in the early stages, but NATO is committed to creat-

ing one that is similar to what the alliance offers its officers, said U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael.

"That's our long-term goal," McMichael said in an interview Wednesday at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe.

Ideally, McMichael said, the academy would open within the next year or so, possibly collocated with the NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany, or the NATO Defense College in Rome, for example. The purpose of the academy would be to develop a uniform code of standards and procedures for all enlisted NATO personnel, he said.

It's not an issue of "brick and mortar," he explained, but of working out the details with the principals, such as the directorates of the NATO schools and Gen. James L. Jones, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe.

"It's really not the structure as much as the programs put in there and that causes a cry for resources—money, people—being instructors," McMichael said. "You'll never have a problem getting the seats filled, because you have places like Romania and Estonia" that are interested.

In addition to the schools in Rome and Oberammergau, the alliance has a third school, the NATO Communication School in Latina, Italy.

U.S. Army Col. Cathy Abbott, a member of Jones' staff, said

Thursday that the alliance, at least at first, could take advantage of U.S. Army NCO courses offered in the theater.

"Duplicating (the NCO course work) at Grafenwohr (Germany)"

is one of the thoughts" under consideration, Abbott said.

The decision to offer professional development courses to the alliance's NCO corps evolved, in part, from

the guidance that came out of the 2000 NATO Summit in Prague, Czech Republic, McMichael said. At that summit, the alliance made a commitment, among other things, to fostering a much more integrated approach to issues.

When McMichael was selected a year ago to become the alliance's first senior noncommissioned officer, he made a point of compiling a multinational staff that mirrors what alliance leaders are after. His staff includes people from the Netherlands, Germany, Canada, Romania and the United States.

"It's amazing to see them take care of each other," McMichael said.

"My staff is probably the most international group of people in the whole building," he added. McMichael said it is important

not to put an American face on the program, though right now some NATO noncommissioned officers are attending the U.S. Army's Sergeant Major's Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Eastern European NCOs have also gone to Marine boot camps, not as recruits but to watch and learn how Marine drill instructors operate.

Whether American or not, senior NCOs know it's the little things, such as cleaning guns or checking equipment, that are important in a war zone.

"Those are the things that make the difference (as to) whether you come home or you are sent home" as a casualty of war, McMichael said.

Whether they come from a British, German or American instructor, lessons learned need to be passed to the newest members of the alliance.

McMichael said the real focus is on the "next generation" of NATO troops.

Currently, NATO is using regional mobile training teams, such as the one in Naples, Italy, to bridge the knowledge gap. McMichael said it's important for the alliance's most senior members to impart as much as they can to the newest members.

"What's good is it to have knowledge and experiences and not give it away," McMichael said. "We can light up the world. Let's go Milky Way, let's get this thing going."

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# Airmen find Fairford an accommodating host

## 100th Air Refueling Wing called England base home for nearly 5 months

BY RON JENSEN  
Stars and Stripes

RAF FAIRFORD, England — Everyone knows what a chore it is to have company for an extended stay.

Stock the fridge. Keep 'em entertained. Make sure they're comfortable.

For RAF Fairford, home to 175 active-duty members, the visitors numbered about 500 and the stay lasted nearly five months. That's how long the 100th Air Refueling Wing from RAF Mildenhall hung its hat at the base across England while the runway at home was undergoing a makeover.

But, as the visit ends this week, the hosts say it was standard operating procedure to have folks underfoot.

"That's what we're here for," said Lt. Col. Bruce Arnold, commander of the 424th Air Base Squadron.

RAF Fairford is a contingency base, gearing up for crises such as the Kosovo war or the Iraq war, and then winding down to become Sleepy Hollow again when the trouble has passed.

But the visit by the 100th ARW lasted longer than most. For example, Operation Joint Freedom had the base buzzing for about two months. The people from RAF Mildenhall were on base long enough to become part of the landscape.

"We loved having them here," said Mike Hertlein, chief of the services division. "Services is about being busy and these guys kept us busy."

It was Hertlein's mission to house, feed and entertain the visitors. A dining hall was taken out of mothballs and billets were cleaned and opened.

Tours were added to the schedule. The Community Activity Center, which is normally open 42 hours in one week, kept its doors open more than twice that amount.

Numbers tell the story and the best numbers are found at the dining facility. It served 109,000 hot meals during the time of the deployment. In charge of that was Senior Master Sgt. John Baker, 57, a former Navy cook and now a member of the Air National Guard out of St. Joseph, Mo.

The facility never closed and served four meals daily, said Baker, a letter carrier by trade, who volunteered to stay the final two months after being eligible to return in late May.

"We had a job to do," he said. "It was a

good deployment — a lot of good people doing a hard job. Morale was pretty well up. But, of course, we were feeding them pretty well."

Having an influx of people for several months also has helped stuff the coffers of various businesses around the base.

"Very grateful. Very grateful," said Bobby Arora, manager of the base's Subway sandwich shop. He said his business quadrupled because of the Mildenhall airmen and the National Guard troops that augmented the base population.

Janice Banister, store director at the base commissary, said, "Our sales probably went up \$30 [thousand] to \$40,000 a month," which is an increase of 25 percent or more.

The troops weren't doing much cooking, but they bought all they could of chips, soda and bottled water, among other snack items.

And Glenn Schaming, a former airman stationed at the base and now assistant manager of Skytanker Lanes bowling center, where food and beer are served, said business picked up about 60 percent during the early months of the deployment.

"Standing room only every night," he said, until the troops learned their way to the local towns and the pubs and clubs in the

area. Hertlein said, "It's always a windfall when we have deployments here."

But, he said, the extended stay put more stress on equipment and furniture, meaning they may have to be replaced.

And Schaming said some of the extra dough was paid to employees who worked longer hours than normal.

For the deployed troops, the stay at RAF Fairford gave them a look at a part of England even quieter than the East Anglia region around Mildenhall.

"It was definitely more laid-back," said Airman 1st Class Lloyd Willis, a firefighter with the 100th Civil Engineer Squadron.

He said the fifteen armed and as many calls in one month as they do in one day back at the home base, he said. Most of them, just like at home, were false alarms.

Another airman said it was strange being deployed close enough to home to almost smell it.

"Man, send me somewhere far away," he said as he grilled meat outside his barracks. The mission went on as usual for the 100th ARW. Col. Bryan Benson, the 100th



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Above: Senior Master Sgt. John Baker, an Army National Guard member from St. Joseph, Mo., volunteered to stay two extra months at RAF Fairford, England, to run the dining facility for deployed troops. Below: Steven Bockelman of the Ohio National Guard vacuums his quarters Tuesday before checking out at RAF Fairford. Several National Guard members deployed to the base to help with duties during the deployment of the 100th Air Refueling Wing from RAF Mildenhall to the base.

Operations Group commander, who commanded the deployed unit, said aircraft flew more than 2,500 sorties from RAF Fairford and passed 18 million pounds of fuel to 3,000 customers.

Many of them, he said, were high-priority customers, such as the president or coalition forces going to or from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It was a great flying environment," Benson said after bringing the first KC-135 Stratotanker back to RAF Mildenhall on Wednesday.

He said RAF Fairford has put its resources where they can best benefit the flying operations. He said it is "one of the best airfields I've operated out of."

Arnold said he will receive feedback from the 100th ARW regarding what went well and what could have gone better.

"We do have some older facilities. We have to take a look at them," he said. But there is no rest for the base. The Royal International Air Tattoo, billed as the world's largest military air show sponsored by the Royal Air Force, begins at RAF Fairford on July 16. It brings in excess of 200,000 people to the base for the weekend.

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# S. Korea: North deploying missiles that could hit U.S. targets

BY SANG-HUN CHOE  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea has begun making and deploying new intermediate-range ballistic missiles that could reach U.S. military targets in Okinawa, Japan and the Pacific U.S. territory of Guam, South Korea's Defense Ministry said Thursday.

Since last year, South Korean and Japanese news media, citing anonymous intelligence sources, have reported North Korea's development of a new missile with a 1,600-2,500 mile range.

Testifying before the parliament's National Defense Committee, Defense Minis-

ter Cho Yong-kil said Wednesday that those missiles have already been deployed.

Cho's comments were carried by domestic media on Thursday and were confirmed by a ministry representative who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"North Korea is continuing its missile development, engaging in such activities as engine tests," Cho was quoted as saying.

North Korea's vigorous missile development unsettles the region.

The U.S. military in South Korea has begun deploying new Patriot missiles designed to intercept incoming missiles. Last year, Japan launched its first spy satellites in a multibillion dollar program aimed at

monitoring North Korea's development of long-range missiles.

The North is believed to have stockpiled 600 Scud missiles with ranges of between 187 miles and 312 miles and 100 Rodong-1 missiles with a range of 812 miles.

North Korea's missiles and its massive rocket and artillery batteries, deployed close to the border with South Korea, pose the greatest threat to South Korean forces and the 37,000 U.S. troops based in the South under a mutual defense treaty.

The North's recently deployed missiles are different from the Taepodong-1 missile that North Korea test-fired in 1998 and the Taepodong-2 missile the communist country is believed to be in the last stage of developing, local media said.

Taepodong-1 has a 1,500-mile range, officials say. Taepodong-2 would be capable of reaching the western United States.

North Korea shocked the region in 1998 by test-firing a Taepodong-1 missile over Japan and into the Pacific Ocean. The North said it was an attempt to put a satellite in orbit. It later declared a moratorium on the testing, but the country reportedly is conducting engine tests for its Taepodong-2 model.

Washington says North Korea is a top global exporter of missile parts and technology. The administration of former President Clinton held talks with North Korea on curbing its missile development, but no agreement was reached.

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Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Seaman Susannah Arthur delivers a box of cookies to a sailor aboard USS John F. Kennedy recently along with a handwritten notes from Girl Scouts back in the United States. Arthur, a former Girl Scout, and four other sailors, three of whom had themselves been Girl Scouts, delivered 600 boxes of donated cookies to their shipmates.

## Sea is for cookies

Former Girl Scouts take over delivery chores when 600 boxes arrive for sailors on USS JFK

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

Who'd ever expect cookie-delivering Girl Scouts to be knocking on the doors of an aircraft carrier deployed to the Mediterranean Sea?

Certainly not the sailors on the USS John F. Kennedy.

But when 600 boxes of donated cookies were hoisted aboard during a recent resupply at sea, the ship turned to those who know best about cookie delivery — five sailors, all but one of whom had been Girl Scouts.

The cookies were donated, and sent along with stacks of handwritten cards, by Scouts throughout the United States. The goods eventually made their way to the Kennedy carrier strike group. The Kennedy received 600 boxes from the supply ship USS Seattle.

Three other ships in Kennedy's group — the USS Vicksburg, USS Roosevelt and USS Spruance — also received cookies.

The Kennedy sailors spent about two hours delivering the 600 boxes around the more than 80,000-ton warship, from the ship's central damage control station near the waterline to the pri-

mary control center located high above the flight deck, and many places in between.

"I had a lot of people ask me how much they are," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Tanisha McGlashan, who works with financial data when not delivering cookies. "I told them they're free ... this time."

Seaman Joanne Thompson, the only delivery "troop" member not a former Girl Scout, delivered some of the cookies to sailors who were moving supplies into the ship.

"Some of them were hot and exhausted," she said. The cookies "brought smiles to their faces."

What brought a smile to Seaman Susannah Arthur's face wasn't the taste of a Girl Scout cookie.

"Actually ... I didn't get any," she said about the treats. "It was more important that everyone else enjoy them. I got to enjoy them when I was little."

McGlashan did get to eat some cookies, but not her favorites, Snooks.

"Next year," she joked. "I'll still be here."

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## NASCAR's Irvan makes tracks to visit USAF bases in Europe

Stars and Stripes

Former NASCAR driver Ernie Irvan will be spending some time this month with people who also work with some pretty fast machinery.

Irvan, who retired from racing in 1999, will visit eight Air Force bases and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany in an eight-day swing through Europe beginning Tuesday at RAF Fairford in England.

Also on the schedule:

- RAF Lakenheath, England, Wednesday
- RAF Croughton, England, Thursday
- RAF Alconbury, England, July 16
- Aviano Air Base, Italy, July 17
- Ramstein and Sembach air bases, Germany, July 19

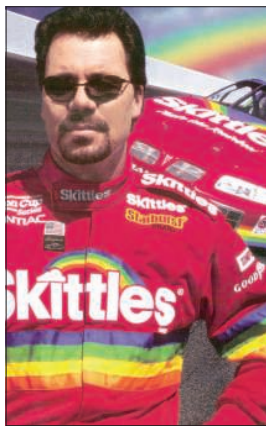
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Irvan's visit is part of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Extreme Summer program. Those meeting with him at the various bases can earn points toward grand prizes that will be handed out in early September. Among the prizes for adults are tickets to a NASCAR race in the States.

Irvan made his Winston Cup debut in 1987 and earned his first victory on the circuit three years later. The next year he won the Daytona 500. In 1994, he crashed during a practice lap in Michigan and was seriously injured. He recovered and resumed racing until 1999, when he retired after another serious crash.

It will be the second time he's visited bases in Europe. The first came in 2002 as part of a support tour for the National Guard and Reserve forces.

Extreme Summer's program began with a visit by costumed super hero Spider-Man in May, followed by Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward last month. Olympic speedskater Apollonia Ono finishes off the appearances in August.



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Former NASCAR driver Ernie Irvan will visit Air Force bases in Europe this month as part of the Extreme Summer program.

## Germans' illness baffles inspectors

Soldiers got sick after eating at Sembach club

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Air Force public health inspectors have not yet determined what caused 44 German army soldiers to fall ill after eating at the Sembach Combined Club, a Ramstein spokeswoman said Thursday.

Initial test results indicate that the sickness, which caused the soldiers to have diarrhea, was not caused by a food-borne bacteria, Darlene Cowsert said.

However, public health investigators are awaiting results on stool samples taken by German veterinarians, who handle public health issues for German soldiers. The samples are being tested for a variety of possible causes, which is why the testing is taking so long, she said.

Nine of 22 samples have been completed, but those have not turned up any answers on what caused the June 20 illnesses, Cowsert said.

Under German regulations, the

soldiers had to stop eating at the club after coming down with the illness, said Maj. Thomas Gross, commander of the German army's Sembach and Hockspeyer contingents. Two hundred German soldiers augment U.S. security forces at the bases. For the past 18 months, they had eaten all their meals at the Sembach club.

Since the soldiers got sick, they have been eating boxed lunches made at Ramstein or in the Rheinland Inn dining facility on that base. Gross said Thursday that he hopes the results of all tests will be complete by next week and the soldiers can return to eating at the Sembach club.

## Heidelberg blood drive

Heidelberg Hospital and the local Junior Officer Council will be hosts for a blood drive July 20 at the Wilson Theater on the hospital compound in Heidelberg, Germany.

The Armed Services Blood Program out of Landstuhl will be running the drive, which will be held

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All donated units of blood go directly to soldiers in need. Donors are urged to make appointments, but walk-ins are also welcome.

For appointments, please send an e-mail to 1st Lt. Jennifer Aguilar at [jennifer.aguilar@us.army.mil](mailto:jennifer.aguilar@us.army.mil), or call DSN 371-2846 or commercial 06221-172846.

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## IN THE WORLD

## Appeals court rejects sentence for Lindh killer

BY MATTIAS KAREN

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A Swedish appeals court threw out a life prison sentence for the convicted killer of Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, ruling Thursday that Mijailovic needed psychiatric treatment because he was "a traumatized person with significant psychiatric problems."

In an unanimous ruling by the Svea Court of Appeal, a panel of five judges said it was clear from the testimony of mental health experts that Mijailovic suffered from "borderline personality disorders."

The ruling was a victory for Mijailovic's lawyer, Peter Althin, who argued that the 25-year-old — under the influence of a cocktail of antidepressants when he stabbed Lindh — didn't intend to kill her when he saw her in the store as she shopped with a friend.

Althin said he was satisfied by the ruling, which followed what he called an uphill battle during the appeal. "I am an optimist," the lawyer said. "So when the experts were of the opinion that there was a serious mental disturbance, I would have been someone that surprised if the appeals court hadn't agreed that [Mijailovic] needed psychiatric care."

Althin said that he and Mijailovic agreed "the appeals court sentence is better than the one in the district court."

Chief prosecutor Agneta Blidberg said she accepted the verdict, but didn't say if she would appeal to the Supreme Court.

The verdict means Mijailovic will likely spend considerably less time in state custody than he would have had the prison sentence been upheld, legal analysts said. "Hypothetically, he could be set free in six or seven months," said lawyer Leif Silbensen. "Sure, some people have received psychiatric care for more than 30 years, but I think the average is

about five to six years, so he scored a victory there."

Typically, life sentences in prison are commuted by the government after about 15 years. There are no set time limits for how long psychiatric patients can be kept hospitalized. Mijailovic admitted stabbing Lindh and was convicted of murder in March by a lower court that sentenced him to life in prison.

Althin appealed, maintaining that it was voices in Mijailovic's head, including one the defendant thought was Jesus, who told him to stab Lindh on Sept. 10.

The mother of two, destined as the country's next prime minis-

ter, died the next day from several stab wounds, including one that pierced her liver, plunging the country of 9 million into mourning and stirring acute memories of the unsolved 1986 killing of Prime Minister Olof Palme.

While the court agreed that Mijailovic needs treatment, it didn't accept the argument that he wasn't aware of what he was doing when he stabbed Lindh.

"It is clear that Mijailovic, especially after the knife attack against Anna Lindh, acted very rationally and coolly," the court said in its ruling. "Even so, if Mijailovic 'heard voices' at the time, clearly he was not governed by them."

## Postal workers uncover 3 letter bombs in Belfast

The Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Police and politicians blamed Irish Republican Army dissidents Thursday for sending at least three letter bombs to Catholic police-reform officials and the governor of Northern Ireland's main prison.

Postal workers at the main Royal Mail sorting office north of Belfast detected three incendiary bombs hidden in letters, causing major disruptions to mail deliveries across Northern Ireland.

British army experts safely defused all three bombs, which police described as "crude but viable."

No group claimed responsibility, but all of the officials being targeted are on the hit list of IRA dissidents opposed to the 1998 peace accord for this British territory.

"This is very indiscriminate and very irresponsible," said Denis Bradley, a former Catholic priest who is deputy-leader of the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

The cross-community panel is overseeing the reform of North-



Police vehicles secure the area around the main Royal Mail sorting office at the Mallusk depot on the outskirts of Belfast, Northern Ireland. The police cordoned off the office after five letter bombs were found.

ern Ireland's mostly Protestant police force, a major goal of the 1998 pact.

The IRA-linked Sinn Féin party has rejected the reform program as inadequate and refused to take part, and IRA dissidents have repeatedly threatened Catholic officials who do.

Bradley, whom IRA dissidents

have repeatedly threatened to kill, said he had little doubt that IRA dissidents were behind the latest threats.

He said he had spoken to all of those targeted by the letter bombs. None of the wanted to be identified publicly, he said.

"It's very disturbing for the people and their families," Bradley

said.

"But they're very robust people, and they're clear that they're making a difference towards the wider community and better policing."

Police reopened the Royal Mail sorting headquarters after an eight-hour search.

They confirmed finding three

letter bombs: two addressed to Catholic police-reform officials, a third addressed to the governor of Maghaberry Prison.

IRA dissidents have previously threatened Maghaberry guards, both inside and outside the prison west of Belfast, in hopes of winning better privileges for more than two dozen IRA dissidents incarcerated there.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland warned in a statement that the public should "be vigilant when opening mail this morning. If anything causes suspicion, please bring it to the attention of the police immediately."

Bradley said he had received reports that two other police-reform officials also were targeted by letter bombs Thursday.

Police declined to confirm or deny this.

Michael Kennedy, general manager of the Royal Mail in Northern Ireland, said the disruptions meant only about half of the service's usual daily load of 2 million letters and parcels would be processed Thursday.

## Police: Terror thwarted

LONDON — Security services have thwarted terrorist attacks targeting the British capital but the threat will remain for decades. "London has been a target of unsuccessful terrorist attacks and some have been disrupted," Sir John Stevens, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said.

"There are over a hundred people... going through the courts in relation to unsuccessful attacks," he added. "We and the security services, M15 and M16, are working incredibly hard and we have massive amounts of resources that we're using to make sure that no one breaks through and has a successful attack," Stevens said.

Asked whether he believed the threat from terrorism would remain for the rest of most people's natural lives, Stevens replied: "I'm afraid I do."

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# European court rejects suit on fetus rights

BY CONSTANT BRAND  
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Europe's top human rights court rejected an appeal Thursday to grant full human rights to a fetus, saying it was up to national governments to decide on the issue.

Meeting in Strasbourg, France, the European Court of Human Rights said it could not rule on a case filed by a French woman who was forced to have an abortion after a doctor's mistake.

Thi-Nho Vo complained France

Panel says national governments should decide issue

had violated the right to life of her unborn child, after French courts refused to convict the doctor of involuntary homicide.

The 17-judge panel ruled the issue of when the right to life begins "was a question to be decided at national level... because the issue had not been decided within the majority of states" which have ratified the European Convention on human rights.

The court said at the European

level, "There was no consensus on the nature and a status of the embryo and/or fetus."

Vo took the case to the European court after France's highest court overturned the doctor's conviction on a charge of involuntary homicide, ruling the fetus was not yet a human being entitled to the protection of criminal law.

In a 14-2 decision, the European Court concluded it "was neither desirable, nor even possible

... to answer in the abstract the question whether the unborn child was a person." The presiding judge did not cast a vote.

The court's sensitive approach reflected deep differences over abortion across the continent.

The decision was welcomed by a leading abortion rights group that filed arguments warning that accepting a right to life for a fetus could make abortions illegal in all 45 countries that recognize the

court's jurisdiction.

"This was obviously a tragic individual case but we are pleased that the judges have ruled to reject the applicant's case," said Anne Weymann, chief executive of the London-based Family Planning Association.

In a statement, Weymann said the "decision will safeguard the laws on abortion which have been widely adopted in the European member states, and will serve to protect women's rights to life, health, self-determination and equality."

## Kosovo's parliament suggest amendments to constitution

BY GARENTINA KRAJA  
The Associated Press

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — In an attempt to wrestle more authority from U.N. administrators, Kosovo's pro-independence ethnic Albanian lawmakers voted Thursday to amend the province's constitution.

The proposed amendments, which need U.N. approval to become valid, would give more authority to Kosovo's ethnic-Albanian-dominated government over key matters in the province, such as security, international relations and the judicial system.

In the past, the U.N. mission in Kosovo has vetoed such moves, apparently intended as a step toward full independence for the

province from Serbia, the dominant republic in the Serbia-Montenegro union.

The parliament defied warnings by the U.N. mission not to go forward with the amendments, which U.N. officials fear would break the fragile balance between the ethnic Albanian and Serb communities here.

Under the current U.N.-drafted Kosovo constitution, decisions in key areas lay completely with the U.N. administration, which has been in control of the troubled province since mid-1999.

The proposed amendments would add six more ministries to Kosovo's government, including internal affairs and justice.

Currently, the U.N. administration fully controls the police and judiciary.

The amendments were approved by a vote of 85-0. Three deputies abstained in the 120-seat ethnic-Albanian-dominated assembly.

Minority Serb deputies, who oppose Kosovo's independence from Serbia, were not present at the assembly, which they have boycotted since earlier this year.

Other proposed changes to the constitution included a referendum to determine Kosovo's final status after the United Nations ends its mission in the province.

The world body has said that before Kosovo's final status is to be considered, a series of benchmarks on democracy, human rights, minority protection, rule of law and other issues must be met by Kosovo's government.

## Athens transport unions strike for Olympic bonus

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Transport workers shut down Athens' rail and bus lines Thursday in the latest strike to demand extra pay for work during next month's Olympics.

The six-hour walkout, which began at 11 a.m., was called by unions that want their members to get special bonuses for working during the Aug. 13-29 games.

The strike closed the city's sub-

way, commuter rail, trolley and bus routes. Huge traffic jams clogged some key roadways into the city.

Labor groups have held a series of strikes and rallies to press for Olympic bonuses, which have been promised to police and other security forces in amounts up to 2,500 euro, or \$3,000. But the government has rejected more concessions because of skyrocketing Olympic costs projected to top 10 billion euro (\$12 billion).



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, right, greets Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei at Sharon's office in Jerusalem on Thursday.

## ElBaradei: Sharon ready to talk nuke-free Mideast

BY GEORGE JAHN  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is ready to discuss a nuclear-weapons-free zone in the Middle East as part of future peace talks, the head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Thursday.

Mohamed ElBaradei, on a three-day trip to Israel, said Sharon made the commitment during a meeting Thursday in Jerusalem.

"The prime minister affirmed to me that Israel policy continues to be that in the context of peace in the Middle East, Israel will be looking forward to the establish-

ment of a nuclear-weapons free zone in the Middle East," ElBaradei said.

Such talks are likely far down the road. ElBaradei said that Sharon had linked arms-control talks to progress in the "road map," an internationally backed peace plan that has been stalled since its inception a year ago.

"That's the first time I hear that from the prime minister of Israel," ElBaradei told reporters in Jerusalem. "It's not a new policy, but affirming that policy at the level of prime minister I thought was quite a welcome development."

ElBaradei was in Israel in efforts to persuade the country to loosen its long-standing taboo on discussing its nuclear capabilities. Israel is believed to be the only country in the Middle East to have nuclear missiles ready to launch.

In the face of overwhelming evidence, ElBaradei was keen for at least tacit acknowledgment that Israel has such arms or the means to make them.

ElBaradei wants Israel to reassess its commitment to discuss arms control, made following a Middle East peace conference in Madrid in 1991. Those efforts fizzled during the mid-1990s.

Israel has not budged from its stance of neither confirming nor denying it has such weapons — a policy it calls the best way to keep Israel safe from attacking it while denying them the rationale for also seeking nuclear weapons.

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## IN THE STATES

## Ridge: Al-Qaida may try to disrupt elections

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER  
SIRADER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is tightening security in the face of a steady stream of intelligence indicating that Al-Qaida may seek to make an attack aimed at disrupting the November elections, the White House says.

The Department of Homeland Security is addressing the threat and has efforts under way to "ramp up security," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Thursday.

Homeland Security Secretary

Tom Ridge said President Bush's administration based its decision to bolster security on "credible" reports about Al-Qaida's plans, coupled with the pre-election terror attack in Spain earlier this year and recent arrests in England, Jordan and Italy.

"This is sobering information about those who wish to do us harm," Ridge said. "But every day we strengthen the security of our nation."

U.S. officials do not have specific knowledge about where, when or how such an attack would take place, but the CIA, FBI and other agencies "are actively working to gain that knowledge," Ridge said.

Notwithstanding the height-

ened air of vigilance, the government is not raising its color-coded terror alert status, he said.

A stream of intelligence, including information gleaned from sources such as militant-linked Web sites, indicates an attack is being planned, said a senior intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity. Plans for such an attack are believed to be near completion, the official said, echoing what officials said in May.

When asked if the threat is considered higher at the political conventions this summer or as the nation gets closer to the presidential election in early November, the official said concerns are high from this time onward.

In addition to increasing security at the conventions in Boston and New York, authorities have begun determining how to secure the thousands of polling sites that will be used around the country this fall, said another senior intelligence official, also speaking on condition of anonymity.



Ridge

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist told reporters that Americans should not ex-

pect a major announcement on homeland security any time soon, indicating that the nation's threat level could remain at its "elevated" level.

"There's, obviously, no reason for panic, or paralysis," Frist said after a briefing for senators on intelligence matters. "The country is at some increased risk between now and the time of the presidential election. It's important for people to be aware of that."

"What is clear is that law enforcement has generally been notified... There are enhanced activities on behalf of law enforcement around the country to engage in deterrence and prevention," he said.

## Former Enron CEO Ken Lay pleads innocent

BY KRISTEN HAYS  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. founder and former chairman and CEO Kenneth Lay pleaded innocent Thursday to charges he was involved in a wide-ranging scheme to deceive the public, company shareholders, government regulators and others.

"Not guilty, your honor," Lay, speaking loudly and clearly, told U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Miloy at a court hearing hours after he surrendered to the FBI and was hustled to the federal courthouse in handcuffs.

A federal indictment unsealed Thursday added Lay to charges already filed against his hand-picked protegee, former CEO Jeffrey Skilling, and former top accountant Richard Causey, and accused Lay of participating in a conspiracy to manipulate Enron's quarterly financial results. It also accused him of making public statements about Enron's financial performance that were false and misleading and omitting facts necessary to make financial statements accurate and fair.

Milloy set his bond at \$500,000. Prosecutors had sought a \$6 million bond, saying he was a flight risk.

Lay was allowed to keep his passport because he travels internationally on business, but Milloy said if he left the country he would have to seek permission from the court.

Lay entered the packed courtroom and smiled at his wife, Linda, who had driven him before dawn to the Houston FBI headquarters.

Lay was accompanied by attorney Michael Ramsey. When Milloy asked if Ramsey was his lawyer, Lay drew laughter from spectators by responding:



Former Enron CEO Ken Lay, left, is led into Federal Court by law enforcement officers in Houston on Thursday.

"I think his billings will indicate that I have hired Mr. Ramsey."

The superseding indictment, now totaling 53 counts, accused Lay, Skilling and Causey of enriching themselves through salaries, bonuses, grants of stock and stock options.

It names Lay in 11 counts: one of conspiracy, two of wire fraud, four of securities fraud, one of bank fraud and three of making false statements to banks. If convicted on all counts, the Justice Department said Lay could receive up to 175 years in prison plus fines possibly totaling more than \$5.7 million.

A grand jury returned a sealed indictment against Lay on Wednesday, 2½ years into a methodical investigation that has produced charges against some of his once most highly trusted lieutenants.

"I have done nothing wrong, and the indictment is not justified," Lay, 62, said in a statement Wednesday.

focus their attention elsewhere.

Over the past two weeks, about 2,400 frequent business travelers have signed up, providing scans of irises and fingerprints and extensive personal information. That information was cross-checked against several criminal and terror-related databases.

Carol DiBattiste, chief of staff for the TSA, said the overwhelming majority of those who applied

## Capital plane scare shows limitations of air security

BY JOHN SOLOMON  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Air security officials are making adjustments and lawmakers are questioning whether military jets can adequately intercept hostile aircraft over the nation's capital after a harrowing incident last month during Ronald Reagan's funeral.

Military aircraft patrolling over Washington were unable to get into position where they could have shot down a suspicious plane, officials said. The plane turned out to be carrying Kentucky's governor to the funeral, but miscommunication among U.S. defense agencies turned the routine flight into a frantic evacuation of the Capitol.

The incident proved what security experts have been saying since Sept. 11, 2001, officials said, that preventing an aerial attack depends on measures taken well before a plane enters the restricted air space over Washington.

Bush administration officials were to testify before Congress Thursday about the problems encountered June 9, when Gov. Ernie Fletcher's flight to Reagan National Airport caused a breathless evacuation of the Capitol building on the day Reagan's body was brought to lie in state.

The Federal Aviation Administration, NORAD and other security agencies have made significant changes since the episode to address shortcomings exposed that day, officials said.

The good news is we evacuated the Capitol in record time. The bad news was it was a false alarm and it appears there was a lack of coordination between FAA and Homeland Security, and we can't afford that kind of a gap in the future," House Transportation Committee Chairman John Mica, a Republican, said.

NORAD said it scrambled two jets during the incident, but declined to be more specific because of the classified nature of its engagement rules.

Homeland Security spokeswoman Katy Myrnest said, "We believe appropriate security measures were put in place based on the information we had at the time... Of course, we continue to look for ways to improve communications."

Government, military and congressional officials said two F-15 fighter planes were already patrolling on June 9 in anticipation of the Reagan funeral and were diverted when security monitors saw the governor's plane as an unidentified and potentially hostile aircraft.

## Streamlined security checkpoints begin at Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport

BY BRIAN BAKST  
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Select airline passengers breezed through security at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in the start of an experiment to ease delays and make flying a little more agreeable.

Under the program, frequent business fliers will not be subject to random searches if they pass background checks in advance

and do not set off any alarms while moving through security.

Minneapolis-St. Paul is the first of five U.S. airports to take part in the program, which could be made permanent.

By midmorning Wednesday, about 50 Northwest Airlines passengers used the special express lane, which the Transportation Security Administration hopes will reduce wait times for frequent fliers while allowing screeners to

were admitted into the program. She would not comment on those who failed.

The registered travelers presented their boarding passes to an agent who asked them to put their left index finger on a scanner.

After about three seconds, a computer screen read, "Success. You may proceed."

The registered travelers still had to go through a metal detec-

tor and their carry-on bags had to go through an X-ray machine. However, they were not subject to random searches once they passed that point.

Information of thousands of employees at airport restaurants, newsstands and other shops behind security checkpoints will soon have to undergo more detailed background checks and pass through metal detectors on their way to work, the U.S. government said.



# Monkey tests hold promise for HIV therapy

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Offering a promising new way to attack the AIDS virus, research on monkeys suggests that an experimental drug helps keep HIV in check by blocking an enzyme that is crucial to infection.

The target is integrase, an HIV enzyme that the virus needs to hijack a patient's cells and spread. Repeated attempts to inhibit integrase's function and stall the virus have failed.

But Merck & Co. researchers report Thursday in the journal *Science* that they have developed an integrase inhibitor that significantly protected monkeys when

given early in infection, and provided some benefit to the very sick, too.

Merck now is studying some integrase inhibitor candidates in a handful of people to see whether the pills seem safe and to check for any early signs of viral suppression. Results, due early next year, will determine whether larger studies should be performed on one of the prospective inhibitors.

Far more research is needed, but the monkey results have leading AIDS researchers closely watching to see whether attacking integrase might finally be possible.

"At long last," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, who heads the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Fauci cautioned that he wasn't "doing cartwheels over this," but said, "This is the next step in the process that the field, myself included, has been looking for for some time now. It's a very important target."

Today, there are two approaches to fighting HIV. One new drug, called Fuzeon, works by preventing HIV from invading immune-system cells.

Numerous older drugs work after the virus has invaded those cells, by blocking two of the three enzymes — reverse transcriptase and protease — that HIV uses to incorporate its genes into cells so it can use them to reproduce and spread.

Combinations of those drugs have helped thousands of patients live longer and healthier, but they aren't a cure and gradually lose their effectiveness.

New approaches are needed with the epidemic continuing to spread. The United Nations counts a record 5 million people worldwide infected by HIV last year, and 3 million killed.

That has led researchers to study the third enzyme, integrase, which is crucial to the actual melding of HIV genes with patients' own DNA. Fauci said that step is crucial to HIV's sneakiest trait — its ability to hide inside cells so it can rebound after therapy.

But blocking integrase has proved notoriously difficult. Just last year, GlaxoSmithKline and Japan's Shionogi & Co. abandoned one experimental integrase inhibitor after initial human studies, going back to the lab to search for stronger candidates.

## Scientists discover tool to help decide treatment in prostate cancer cases

By ROSIE MESTEL

Los Angeles Times

Scientists have found a way to predict which cases of prostate cancer will turn out to be the most serious — a tool that should help physicians decide when to take aggressive action against this generally slow-growing cancer of old age, according to researchers in a report released Thursday.

The researchers found that a dramatic surge in blood levels of a chemical called PSA in the year before diagnosis was linked to the greatest risk of death.

Patients with steep-rising PSA values probably require especially aggressive treatment and should not be managed by a regime of "watchful waiting," said the study's senior author, Dr. William J. Catalona, director of the clinical prostate-cancer screening program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

In addition, such a steep rise in PSA levels should warrant a biopsy even if they do not reach the currently accepted warning threshold, Catalona said.

Prostate cancer is the second-leading cancer killer of men.

Each year, about 240,000 men are diagnosed with the disease and nearly 30,000 die of it, according to the American Cancer Society.

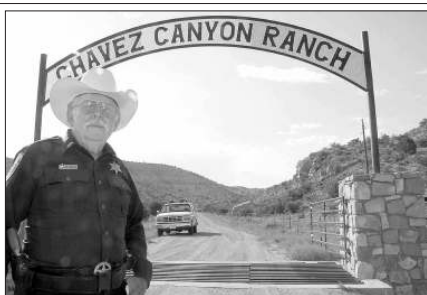
Prostate cancer mostly strikes men older than 65, and its course is unpredictable. Often it develops so slowly that patients can die of other conditions before the cancer has a chance to kill them. In other cases, its course is quick and more deadly.

The problem for doctors has been their inability to distinguish one from the other at an early stage.

Since the 1990s, doctors have been widely screening men with a blood test for prostate specific antigen, or PSA, a prostate protein that leaks into the bloodstream when the prostate's biology goes awry.

PSA testing has led to more and earlier diagnoses of prostate cancer.

In the current report, published in the current issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Catalona and colleagues tracked 1,095 men with prostate cancer that had not yet spread beyond the gland. All the men had been treated by a radical prostatectomy, the surgical removal of their prostate glands. The men were tracked for an average of more than five years.



Lincoln County Sheriff Deputy Joe Manning guards the entrance to a ranch owned by ABC newsmen Sam Donaldson near Hondo, N.M., on Wednesday. A 14-year-old boy was charged Wednesday in the deaths of his father, stepmother and stepister on Donaldson's southern New Mexico ranch.

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## Teen arrested in 3 deaths at Sam Donaldson's N.M. ranch

By PETE HERRERA

The Associated Press

HONDO, N.M. — ABC newsmen Sam Donaldson described Delbert Paul Posey, his wife and children as a happy, well-adjusted family.

They had been running one of his southern New Mexico ranches for more than two years.

So Donaldson knew something terrible had happened at his Chavez Canyon Ranch when he went to check on the family and discovered what Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan called an "obvious crime scene." Deputies found three bodies in a shallow grave.

A 14-year-old son, Cody, was arrested Wednesday on charges of killing his father, stepmother and stepister, authorities said.

An initial court appearance was scheduled for Thursday, Sullivan said.

The dead were identified as Posey, Tryone Posey and Mary Lee Schmid, 14.

In a statement, Donaldson said he and his wife, Jan, hired Posey to work at the ranch in October 2001. "Jan and I are so very, very sorry about the loss of these fine people," he said.

Donaldson said on "Good Morning America" Thursday morning that the family was an "all-American ranch family" and that he didn't see trouble beforehand.

"Paul was a little hard on his son, but that's the way ... you raise young men. I never saw Paul raise his voice or his hand in anger to his son," Donaldson said. "He clearly expected a lot of him."

District Attorney Scott Key said Cody Posey would be tried as a juvenile but could be punished as an adult if convicted. He said punishment could range from probation under juvenile law to 30 years in prison, the standard sentence in New Mexico for an adult convicted of murder.

Sullivan said the case is still being investigated but it appeared the three had been shot Saturday.

## Genetically selected birth

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A woman has given birth to what her doctor calls central New York's first genetically selected baby after her fertilized eggs were screened in a lab for a hereditary disease.

The healthy baby girl, Taylor Michaels, was born in early June after embryos created in a lab from the mother's eggs and father's sperm were tested for cystic fibrosis, a deadly genetic disease that causes respiratory infections, breathing difficulty and permanent lung damage.

The parents, Mary and Mike Michaels, are both cystic fibrosis carriers. Their 4-year-old daughter, Tess, was born with cystic fibrosis, Mary Michaels said.

## House opposes medical marijuana

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives voted to let the federal government continue prosecuting people who use marijuana for medical reasons in states where local law allows its use.

The 268-148 vote Wednesday turned aside an amendment by Democrats and some conservative Republicans that would have barred the federal government from preventing states from implementing their own medical marijuana laws.

Nine states have passed laws allowing people to use marijuana if recommended by a doctor. Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont and Washington.

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## OPINION

## Election is serious; Fahrenheit 9/11' is not

I won't be seeing Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" for the same reason I chose not to see Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ."

## Philip Gailey



I just don't trust Hollywood ideologues — left or right — to deal honestly and fairly with politics or religion. From what I have read and heard from friends who have seen the film, "Fahrenheit 9/11" is more than a bad office sensation. It is a major political event. The U.S. Senate delayed a defense appropriation vote so Democrats could attend a special screening of Moore's propaganda masterpiece. The audience of big-name Democrats gave it a standing ovation. The film is not likely to change many votes but it does provide people who hate the president another way to express their almost pathological loathing of George W. Bush.

In Moore's fabulist "documentary," Bush comes across as dumb as a stump, as a liar and an unprincipled schemer who led the nation to war to enrich his corporate cronies. Audiences laugh, applaud, scoff and

hoot. As Dick Cheney said after hurling the F-word at Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy, getting it out of your system makes you feel better. Hey, that's OK by me. Remember how the Republican right and its talk radio mouthpieces demonized and savaged Bill Clinton, even suggesting the Clintons had Vince Foster murdered? That his death was officially ruled a suicide didn't matter to Clinton haters. Rush Limbaugh of the far right, met Michael Moore of the far left.

I'll take the word of friends who say "Fahrenheit 9/11" has great entertainment value, regardless of your politics. But to call it a serious "documentary" would be like calling a pig a peacock. For me, this year's presidential election is too important for us to conflate half-baked conspiracy theories with serious political debate. ...

Bush has a lot to answer for on Election Day. He will have to answer for a unilateral and arrogant foreign policy that has seriously damaged American credibility in the world, and for his administration's miscalculations and exaggerations in taking us to war in Iraq and for the mismanagement of the postwar occupation. At home, he will have to answer for irresponsible tax cuts and huge budget deficits that darken the children's future. These are the issues that should be at the center of this election — not Moore's suggestion that

Bush waged war in Afghanistan and Iraq to benefit his friends in the oil industry. If that charge were true — and Moore offers no documentation — Bush should be impeached.

The polls suggest that Bush's presidency is in political jeopardy. Public support for the war is collapsing, and a solid majority of Americans believe the country is moving in the wrong direction. The president's approval rating has dropped to 42 percent, the lowest of his presidency. About the only good news for Bush is that despite his political troubles, he is still running about even with John Kerry.

If Kerry were making some of the outrageous charges Michael Moore makes against Bush in "Fahrenheit 9/11," most voters would have a hard time taking him seriously as a presidential candidate.

Kerry should hope Moore's romp across the political stage is a brief one, and that he does not become the poster boy for the Democratic Party in the public mind. After all, Moore has said some pretty awful things about Americans — and not just George W. Bush — in playing to anti-American sentiment in Europe.

New York Times columnist David Brooks recently served up a sampler of Moore's opinions. For example, he told a British newspa-



per that Americans "are possibly the dumbest people on the planet. ... Our stupidity is embarrassing." Or how about Moore's view of the Iraqi insurgents who are killing American soldiers almost daily: "The Iraqis who have risen up against the [U.S.] occupation are not 'insurgents' or 'terrorists' or 'the enemy.' They are the revolution, the minutemen, and they numbers will grow — and they

will win." ...

Right, the demagogues on the left, Michael Moore has a right to be wrong, dishonest, outrageous, silly and to disregard facts that might get in the way of a good political diatribe. But I have a right not to take him seriously. I refuse to let Michael Moore set the standard for political discourse in our democracy.

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## Applying imperfect calculus for the value of lives

By KENNETH R. FEINBERG

Nearly three years after it was created, the Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund has finished its work. About 2,850 families that lost a loved one on Sept. 11 (97 percent of those eligible) signed up for tax-free public compensation; in addition, more than 2,600 physical-injury victims received checks. The total cost to the taxpayers was more than \$7 billion, a unique, unprecedented response by the American people to fellow citizens in need (as well as undocumented workers and foreign nationals from 15 nations).

I was the administrator of the program, appointed by the president two months after the attacks to oversee the fund and to navigate both the moral and practical pitfalls that seemed sure to arise. It was an enormous and difficult task, and I found myself awed by the randomness of death and the imperfect nature of any solution.

In hindsight, I believe the work we did brought out the best in the American character. But it is clear that the process — established by a federal statute hastily enacted within weeks of the tragedy — also raised important and fundamental questions for the American people.

First, was the Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund a good idea? I have agonized over this question; clearly, the issue is a close call. The program was structured such that families agreed not to sue the airlines, the World Trade Center or others allegedly at fault and in return would be allowed to apply for federal aid. Yet no such program exists for the families of the Oklahoma City bombing. Nor will a Treasury check be sent to those who lost a loved one in the attacks on our embassies in Africa and the USS Cole or even in the first World Trade Center attack in 1993. In our egalitarian democracy it is hard to justify singling out one group of victims for special treatment. ...

The Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Program was a unique response to an unprecedented historical event, foreign attack on domestic shores causing the deaths of thousands. Sept. 11 stands with Pearl Harbor, the American Civil War and the assassination of President Kennedy in its devastating effect on our national life. One response from the American people was to rally around the victims and go to their aid. The 9/11 attack was different, and this difference, in my view, justifies the program.

Second, even if the program can be justified, did Congress do the right thing in requiring that each eligible family receive a different amount of compensation depending on the victim's estimated future earnings? This too is a close call. Every day throughout the United States, juries take into account the financial circumstances of victims. ... This is the American way. ...

But extending this approach to a public

compensation scheme is problematic. Economic distinctions favor divisiveness among the very families seeking assistance. ...

The fund also required that one person alone — the fund administrator — gaze into a murky crystal ball and try to predict what the victim would have earned over a lifetime. Distinguishing hard fact from mere speculation would indeed tax the wisdom of Solomon. Asking a single person to do these calculations — to be both economist and sage — guaranteed an emotional challenge.

But if Congress had required that every eligible family receive the same compensation, would that have been fairer? And how much compensation would Congress provide? Flat payments engender their own controversies. One size rarely fits all.

Perhaps the best solution — however im-

perfect — would have been a series of tiered payments, with eligible families being classified in three or four groups depending upon their range of incomes. Not exactly the same compensation for everybody, but, rather, an attempt to avoid the practical and philosophical problems associated with the imperfect calculation of individual awards.

Finally, there remains the obvious question: In the unfortunate event of another attack by foreign terrorists, should Congress enact another public compensation program? Of course, some unforeseen, monstrous attack may require a similar response. But even then it is likely that any compensation scheme will differ markedly from the tailored, individualized awards that characterized the fund. But for now at least praise is due the Sept. 11 fund, a unique experiment in American democracy.

Kenneth R. Feinberg is the special master appointed by President Bush to administer the federal Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

## Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



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## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelux:** Cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-60s and lows in the mid-50s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-50s to lower 70s and lows in the lower 50s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-80s to lower 90s and lows in the upper 50s.

**France:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s and lows in the lower 50s in the north. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid-60s in the south.

**Northern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s and lows in the lower 50s.

**Southern Germany:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 60s and lower 70s and lows in the upper 40s to mid-50s.

**Hungary:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-80s and lows in the lower 50s.

**Northern Italy:** Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid-80s and lows in the mid-60s.

**Southern Italy:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-80s to mid-90s and lows in the mid-50s to upper 60s.

**Kosovo:** Sunny. Highs in the mid-90s and lows in the lower 60s.

**Norway:** Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the lower 60s and lows in the lower 50s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s in the south and 80s elsewhere. Lows in the mid-50s inland, lower to mid-60s on the coasts and lower 70s in the south.

**Turkey:** Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s on the north coast, upper 90s on the west coast, lower 90s inland and lower 100s on the southern coast. Lows in the mid-50s inland and mid-60s elsewhere.

## European forecast for 09 July 2004

## AFRICA

Cape Town	67	46	Mogadishu	71	70
Dakar	78	60	Nairobi	72	48
Freetown	84	73	Rabat	81	64
Harare	79	65	Windhoek	88	71

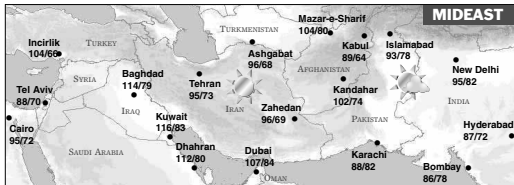
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Batavia	110	86	Montreal	78	54
Beijing	89	68	Perth	72	48
Bombay	82	68	Riyadh	112	84
Buenos Aires	86	77	Rio de Jan	85	69
Calcutta	80	69	Sao Paulo	81	68
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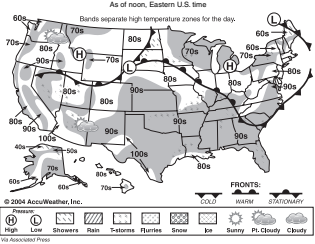
## TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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STARS AND STRIPES

## Official assault

**MA** NORTHAMPTON — Northampton's superintendent of schools has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon in what police called a domestic dispute.

Police said the weapon involved was a semiautomatic handgun.

Superintendent Michael A. Cosgriff was released on his own recognizance after pleading innocent at his arraignment in Northampton District Court.

Southampton Police said they were called to Cosgriff's home by a woman, Cosgriff, who had left the home, was arrested two hours later. The identity of the woman was not released.

## Rabies rampage

**ME** LEWISTON — A man who went three rounds with a rampaging groundhog in his backyard said he probably will never know for sure whether the animal had rabies.

The groundhog scurried away after a police officer called to the scene fired a single shot. Nelson said he has not seen the animal since then, and he hopes he never sees it again.

Nelson said rabies is the only thing he can think of that would make a groundhog behave that way.

Since the animal didn't bite or scratch him, there's no need to get rabies shots, Nelson said.

The tenacious animal tried to attack his two poodles, which were tied to a fence, and then charged at him after being shoed away.

## Fireworks fiasco

**TX** HOUSTON — Two teenagers were injured in an explosion when they used a sledgehammer to extract gunpowder from shotgun shells and bullets, police said.

Authorities were investigating whether the 16-year-old boys were trying to make homemade fireworks the night of July 4.

The teens were taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital with first-, second- and third-degree burns, Harris County Fire Marshal Mike Montgomery said. The hospital did not release any information about the victims.

Police said the teens were grinding powder from the shells and bullets with a hammer, setting off the blast in a Harris County home.

Investigators seized bullets, a homemade discharging device and videotape the youths made to document their efforts, police said.

## 7-year-old sharpshooter

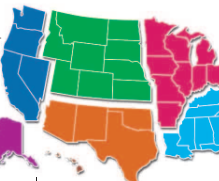
**VA** RICHMOND — Seven-year-old Kayla Williamson was angry when she found a big black snake stealing eggs from the family's hen house.

So she shot and killed it.

It wasn't the first time Kayla showed skill with a gun. Last year, she killed a deer from 50 yards with an archer.

"She won't back up from anything," said her father, Frankie Williamson.

Kayla and her father spotted the nonvenomous snake when they



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went to gather eggs June 12 at their home in rural Nottoway County about 50 miles southwest of Richmond.

Kayla sells the eggs and her father said the snake "was full of eggs."

"I was mad," Kayla said.

## Crash course on safety

**VT** RUTLAND — A teenager whose reckless driving was blamed for the death of a motorcyclist two years ago has avoided jail, but will have to do presentations in high schools on dangerous driving.

Heather Munzberg, 19, of Brandon, was sentenced in Vermont District Court to three to seven years in jail, all suspended on probation. She was also ordered to perform 500 hours of community service, including a dozen presentations in Rutland County high schools talking about the importance of driving safely.

Munzberg had pleaded no contest earlier this year to a felony charge of grossly negligent operation with death resulting. She was accused of rounding a curve too fast on Route 73 in Sudbury.

Taylor Cook, 23, of Middlebury, was killed in the crash in July 2002. The charge carried a maximum sentence of 15 years in jail.

"I'm terribly sorry that my actions have caused the death of Tay-

lor Cook," Munzberg said in court Thursday, breaking down in tears. "I just feel so horrible. I wish I could take it back, but I just can't."

## Slow mail

**NH** LEBANON — A shortage of mail carriers at the Lebanon Post Office left some mail sitting on shelves.

The delays, which left some city residents without mail last week, are not new to Lebanon residents, some of whom have complained to regional U.S. Postal Service officials for years.

Letter carriers decided not to work more than the 60 hours a week specified in their contract. Plus a shortage of carriers, vacations, injuries and illnesses left the Lebanon Post Office with too few people to deliver the mail, union and Postal Service officials said.

Lebanon is supposed to have 26 full-time carriers but has only 22, said George Navedo, a letter carrier and vice president of the carriers' union.

## Art recovered

**NY** NEW YORK — Two paintings stolen from an Italian castle in the 1990s were seized by federal authorities after they learned that Christie's was putting the work on the auction block.

The paintings by 18th-century neoclassical artist Andrea Appiani were to be returned to a museum at Brancaccio Castle in San Gregorio da Sassola, Italy, federal prosecutors in Manhattan said. No arrests were made.

The museum reported the paintings — "Venus and Adonis" and "Hercules and Omphale" — stolen in 1992. Italian authorities believe the theft occurred during renovations at the castle between 1994 and 1999.

Together, the works were expected to bring between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

## Clock-wise

**MA** GARDNER — Library director Gail Landy learned that when it comes to Roman numerals on clocks, IIII equals IV.

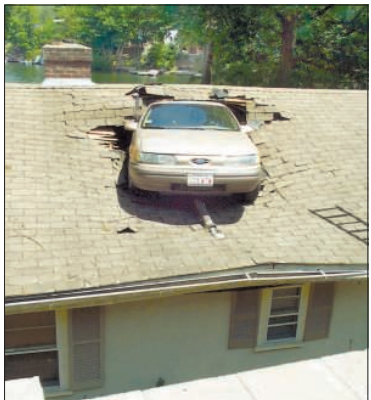
Construction manager Tom Kondel, head of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library project, came to her recently and said, "Gail, we've got a problem with the clock," referring to the large clock installed over the west door of the new library building.

As Kondel said, the number four on the clock was IIII instead of the expected IV. Landy decided it wouldn't do to have what she called "an illiterate" clock. "We called up the clock manufacturer and they said, 'That's the way we do clocks,'" she told the Telegram & Gazette of Worcester in an interview published Friday.

When she looked at her watch, which had Roman numerals, she discovered that it too used IIII for the number four.

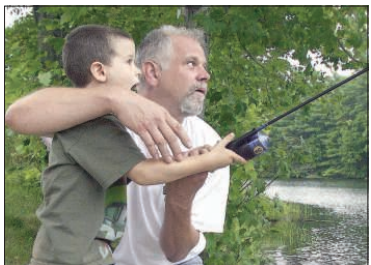
"People look at clocks, and they see what they expect to see," she said.

Doing a little research, Landy and Kondel found that most clocks use IIII. But the reason is uncertain.



## Dropping in

A car sits in the roof of Scott Penney's home in Marlborough, Mass., after it was driven off an elevated parking lot and crashed into his roof, which is about the same level as the lot. The driver, Shirley Elder, in her 70s, hit the gas pedal thinking it was the brake.



## First cast

Alan Droque, left, teaches his son Benjamin, 4, how to cast a line with his new rod and reel at Robin Hood Pond in Keene, N.H.



## Steering straight

Pro rodeo steer wrestler John Rodriguez, of Helotes, Texas, competes during the final performance of the Prescott Frontier Days World's Oldest Rodeo in Prescott, Ariz.



## A Beefeater welcome

A Beefeater, or tower guard, greets visitors to the third floor of the Frazier Historical Arms Museum in Louisville, Ky. The stuffed figure stands before a display of 17th-century armor, pikeman's foot helmets and breast and back plates.



Flash from the past  
day in Lyme, Conn.

A Colonial re-enactor Parker Lord fires his replica French Tulle musket at the end of the 38th annual Hamburg Cove Independence Day parade Monday in Lyme, Conn.



For our next trick ...  
shallows off Virginia Key in Miami.

Kids enjoy a day at the beach as they chase each other through the shallows off Virginia Key in Miami.



Dragged out

Christianburg Cuties' Duane "Tiffany" Booden, left, is tagged out by St. Paris Sweeties third baseman Abby "Adam" Nitchman in Christiansburg, Ohio. The softball game, played in drag, pitted two fire departments.



Avoiding rush hour

Two Amish girls walk their pony along a country road in Parkman, Ohio.

## Dole in lecturer talks

**AK** LITTLE ROCK — Former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole is in talks with the dean of the Clinton School of Public Service to become the school's inaugural lecturer. David Pryor, a former U.S. senator, said the Kansas Republican and Bill Clinton's former opponent in the 1996 presidential race would be the perfect person to start the school's nonpartisan program. Pryor said the speech will likely be scheduled Sept. 18.

## Map fakery

**AZ** PHOENIX — Maricopa County was asked to stop distributing maps with faked geographic features. The Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names urged the county's transportation department to stop giving out the maps.

Cartographers often insert fake names for copyright protection, a department spokesman said. Department employees have invented and dubbed fake geographic features in sparsely populated areas for years.

## Mall stabbing

**MN** BLOOMINGTON — A dispute over a parking space at the Mall of America led to a stabbing Monday evening that sent one man to the hospital with four or five puncture wounds in his arm and torso, police said.

The victim, age 26, was not named, nor were the alleged perpetrators, a 59-year-old man and a 53-year-old woman. Police said the victim is expected to survive.

## Mayor steps down

**OH** NEW RIEGEL — The man who won this village's mayoral post by a coin toss has stepped down.

Mayor Jim Snyder said he was putting in too many hours in his full-time job to continue as the part-time mayor. He defeated former Mayor Ron Rumschlag by the flip of a coin in November used to break a tie vote in the general election.

Councilman Harold Courtney has taken over as mayor.

## Strip search hoax

**MA** BOSTON — Police have identified a Florida man suspected of making hoax phone calls to fast food restaurants in Massachusetts and around the country and encouraging management to strip search employees and in at least one case, a customer.

An investigation that involved law enforcement agencies from multiple states, as well as security personnel for AT&T and Wal-Mart, led to David R. Stewart, 38, of Fountain, Fla., said Lt. Raymond Rogers of the West Bridgewater police.

Stewart was arrested at his home on a fugitive from justice warrant from Mount Washington, Ky. Rogers said, where the suspect allegedly made a hoax call to a local McDonald's.

## Moving on the monorail

**WA** SEATTLE — The city has moved a step closer to building a new monorail system and possibly tearing down the

42-year-old monorail in this traffic-congested city.

The City Council on Tuesday approved an agreement with the Seattle Monorail Project for the use of streets along the planned Green Line, which would extend through downtown.

As part of the deal, the council must study whether the \$1.7 billion expansion is economically feasible.

The project calls for 14 miles of elevated track through the heart of the city, with no link to the mile-long monorail that has glided over city streets since the 1962 World's Fair. That monorail runs between the Space Needle and downtown and is as much a tourist attraction as mass transit.

## Immigrant cab drivers

**NY** NEW YORK — More than eight out of 10 city cab drivers are immigrants, according to an analysis of U.S. Census figures in a report by a taxi industry consultant.

Census figures show 94 percent of yellow cab and limo drivers are foreign-born, up from 64 percent in 1990 and 38 percent in 1980, according to the study, released by consultant Bruce Schaller.

The largest percentage of drivers identified in the 2000 Census, 23 percent, were from the West Indies, and 20 percent were from South Asia, which includes Pakistan, India and Bangladesh, the study said.

The Census figures account for the 39,735 people who identify themselves as active drivers of yellow cabs, limo cabs and limos in New York City.

## Busted in the back

**OR** JOSEPH — Dannie Eaves got busted for hauling some busts.

Eaves, an employee at Joseph Bronze in Joseph, Ore., had six busts in his pickup truck when several motorists mistook the Nebraska-bound sculptures for dead bodies and called the police.

Eaves was asked to step to the back of the truck.

The officers found a life-sized sculpture of a firefighter in the truck bed. Three shoulder-sized busts of former governors were in the truck's cab, a fourth was placed on the floor boards and a fifth was with the firefighter sculpture.

"I explained to him they were statues," Eaves said. "We all had a good laugh. I bet they were really relieved."

## Michigan lake monster

**MI** SALINE — You don't have to travel all the way to Scotland to see a monster in a lake.

A mechanical creature with a long neck dubbed "Millie" will surface in Mill Pond during the annual Saline Celtic Festival as a nod to Scotland's Loch Ness monster.

Millie is the creation of mechanical designer Jim Peters, who is a volunteer for the festival.

Peters' wood-and-steel reptile is 24 feet long when in a low position and 6 feet tall in its upright position. Millie is composed of a neck and head piece, a midhump and a tail that can be moved with a rope connected to pulleys.

Stories and photos from wire services





Parisians line up Wednesday at a Paris movie theater on the Champs Elysees that is showing Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11."

## French hot for 'Fahrenheit 9/11'

BY ELAINE GANLEY  
The Associated Press

PARIS — France's passion for cinema and its collective antipathy for President Bush made Wednesday's opening of "Fahrenheit 9/11" a headline event that quickly proved a boon at the box office. But even Michael Moore could not escape that critical Gallic eye.

The movie that won the highest award at May's Cannes Film Festival wrapped up "extraordinary" ticket sales for its first afternoon showings in Paris, according to the MK2 movie chain.

Figures compiled by Mars Distribution, the movie's French distributor, showed 4,372 people attending the first afternoon show at movie theaters around Paris — versus 10 to 1,110 for other movies in town.

The figures are no surprise, considering the French government spearheaded the opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and polls have shown that the French roundly disapprove of Bush.

But the French rarely resist criticizing winners — not to mention anything made in America — and not everyone had accolades for "Fahrenheit 9/11."

The daily newspaper Le Monde said the film more closely resembles propaganda, and it carried a separate article to separate "truths" from "errors" in the film.

### Reports: 'Bachelor' marries off-spring

NEW YORK — Unable to pop the question to Estella Gardiner on ABC's "The Bachelor" last fall, Bud Guiney went "All My Children" star Rebecca Budig on Saturday in a surprise ceremony. *US Weekly* and *People* magazines reported.

The ceremony was a casual affair at the Guiney family's home in Long Lake, Mich., where 35 friends and family had gathered to celebrate the Fourth of July, the magazines said Tuesday.

Budig, in a two-piece white cotton dress, walked down the aisle to Bruce Springsteen's "Thunder Road." They exchanged their own vows, and afterward, changed into swimsuits and spent the afternoon in the water and dining on barbecued chicken.

Guiney, 33, met Budig, 30, in January 2003, while taping a recap episode of "The Bachelor" that she hosted. They began dating in late 2003, and in May, Guiney proposed.

From wire reports

## AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2004					
(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Dr. Phil	The Mummy	Nightline	MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks @ San Francisco Giants (Live)	The Wild Thornberrys	Ozzy & Drix 'Ozzy Jr.'
9:30 Oprah Winfrey	As Told by Ginger	Headline News	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	As Told by Ginger
10:00 Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	Handball With Chris Matthews	Happy Days	Jeopardy!
10:30 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	Mathews	The Dead Zone	Headline News	Headline News
11:00 ESPN News	ESPN News	Primetime Thursday	The X-Files 'Alpha'	ESPN News	ESPN News
11:30 General Hospital	Advisory Block	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	Boston Public 'Chaplain Nineteen'	The Simpsons
12:00 Headline News	The Simpsons	Malcolm in the Middle	Baseball Tonight	The Apprentice 'Ice Escapes'	The Apprentice 'Ice Escapes'
12:30 Malcolm in the Middle	The Apprentice 'Ice Escapes'	Good Morning America	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics @ Boston Red Sox (Live)	World-Willie	Animal Adventures
13:00 Today	The District Police headquarters is quarantined.	The District Police headquarters is quarantined.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
13:30 The District Police headquarters is quarantined.	The District Police headquarters is quarantined.	The District Police headquarters is quarantined.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
14:00 The District Police headquarters is quarantined.	The District Police headquarters is quarantined.	The District Police headquarters is quarantined.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
14:30 House of Mouse	Rocky's Modern Life	The Tonight Show	World News	The X-Files 'Alpha'	The Tonight Show
15:00 Ozzy & Drix 'Ozzy Jr.'	As Told by Ginger	Late Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
16:30 As Told by Ginger	Jeopardy!	Access Hollywood	FOX News	Tour de France - Stage 6	Happy Days
17:00 Jeopardy!	Access Hollywood	FOX News	PrimeTime Thursday	PrimeTime Thursday	PrimeTime Thursday
17:30 Headline News	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)
18:00 ESPN News	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)
18:30 AFN Evening News	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)
19:00 The Simpsons	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)
19:30 Malcolm in the Middle	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)
20:00 The Apprentice 'Ice Escapes'	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)
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22:00 The Tonight Show	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)
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23:30 Late Show	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Casablanca' (1942, Drama)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)	Movie **** 'Double Jeopardy' (1999, Suspense)
SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2004					
00:00 (11:30) Late Show	Clifford's Puppy Days	Headline News	SportsCenter	The X-Files 'Alpha'	Clifford's Puppy Days
00:30 Access Hollywood	Clifford's Puppy Days	NBC Nightly News	The View	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
1:00 Movie **** 'Groundhog Day' (1993, Comedy)	Rocket Power	ABC World News	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
1:30 Scooby-Doo	CBS Evening News	CBS Evening News	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
2:00 Jeopardy!	Pokemon-Johto League	Jeopardy!	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
2:30 Jeopardy!	Kenny the Shark	Kenny the Shark	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
3:00 Movie **** 'The First Wives Club' (1996, Comedy)	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Ebo Elder vs. Fernando Trejo (Live)	Hannity & Colmes	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
3:30 Movie **** 'The First Wives Club' (1996, Comedy)	Boxing Friday Night Fights - Ebo Elder vs. Fernando Trejo (Live)	Hannity & Colmes	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
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7:30 The Bill	Headline News	Headline News	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
8:00 Rocket Power	Sports Figures	Paula Zahn Now	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
8:30 Scooby-Doo	Scout's Safari	Scout's Safari	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
9:00 Pokemon-Johto League	Endurance	Endurance	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
9:30 Kenny the Shark	Good Eats	Good Eats	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
10:00 Lizzie McGuire	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
10:30 Lizzie McGuire	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
11:00 Endurance	Headline News	Dateline NBC	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
11:30 Good Eats	ESPN News	ESPN News	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
12:00 Entertainment Tonight	My Wife and Kids	The O'Reilly Factor	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
12:30 WWE Raw	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
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13:30 WWE Raw	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
14:00 My Wife and Kids	Law & Order 'Nowhere Man'	Law & Order 'Nowhere Man'	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
14:30 Half & Half	Headline News	Headline News	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
15:00 The West Wing 'The Supremes'	Headline News	Headline News	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
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18:00 ESPN News	Motorcycle Racing AMA Motorcross (Taped)	Motorcycle Racing AMA Motorcross (Taped)	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
18:30 This Week in Baseball	Motorcycle Racing AMA Motorcross (Taped)	Motorcycle Racing AMA Motorcross (Taped)	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
19:00 MLB Baseball Regional Coverage - Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies or Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (Live)	Motorcycle Racing AMA Motorcross (Taped)	Motorcycle Racing AMA Motorcross (Taped)	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
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# FACES 'N' PLACES

## Knievel to jump military aircraft

Some people will do anything to promote a film. Robbie Knievel will hype the TNT original movie about his daredevil motorcyclist father, Evel Knievel, by attempting the first-ever jump over an array of military aircraft on the deck of the USS Intrepid in New York Harbor.

His jump will air live in the States on July 31 during the second night of the "Evel Knievel" movie premiere weekend, the cable channel said Tuesday.

The USS Intrepid, a former World War II aircraft carrier, is now the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. The movie stars George Eads ("C.S.I.") as Evel Knievel.

Knievel became famous in the 1970s for driving his motorcycle over everything from vehicles to alligators while wearing a red, white and blue jumpsuit. The 65-year-old stuntman retired from jumping more than 20 years ago.

## Fast times for 'Patient Man'

Brad Cotter's life has been in the fast-forward mode since winning the "Nashville Star" reality TV show earlier this year.

His first major label CD, "Patient Man," was released Tuesday.

"It just goes to show the power of reality TV," said the 33-year-old singer, who was named winner of the USA Network show on May 1.

"Nashville Star" combines country music with reality television by placing contestants in a wired house on Music Row in Nashville, Tenn., as they compete for a recording contract with Sony Music Nashville.

Cameras capture their daily interaction and weekly live performances, which are judged by USA Network viewers and industry professionals.

"I'd been knocking on doors and turned down for the last seven or eight years. Then comes 'Nashville Star' and things start happening so fast I can hardly keep up," Cotter told the *Alabama's Opelika-Auburn News* recently.

The CD features Cotter's single "I Meant To," which he co-wrote and performed during the finale of "Nashville Star."



Cotter

## Spider-Man scared of heights

Tobey Maguire admitted to a fear of heights as he brought summer blockbuster "Spider-Man 2" to Berlin for its European premiere. "I'd been knocking on doors and turned down for the last seven or eight years. Then comes 'Nashville Star' and things start happening so fast I can hardly keep up," Cotter told the *Alabama's Opelika-Auburn News* recently.

The CD features Cotter's single "I Meant To," which he co-wrote and performed during the finale of "Nashville Star."

"It took 15 to 20 minutes to get it on," he said. "I don't mind when I'm sitting in it," he added, but moving around was less comfortable.

## Olsens don't 'Got Milk'

Out of "sensitivity to their current situation," the "got milk" magazine ads featuring twins Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have been retracted.

Mary-Kate recently entered a treatment program for what her publicist called a "health-related issue." People and Us Weekly magazines have reported the 18-year-old actress has an eating disorder.

Ashley recently canceled a trip to Australia to promote the twins' new film, "New York Minute," to be with her sister.

Hugh Williams, a director with the Milk Processor Education Program in New York, told The Associated Press on Tuesday the ads were pulled out of "sensitivity to their current situation."



Mary-Kate Olsen



Terri Clark

## After nine years of solid success, Terri Clark climbing the country charts faster than ever

By WALTER TUNIS

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Canadian-born singer Terri Clark sees a parallel trajectory in the patterns she and her idol Reba McEntire took to country stardom.

Specifically, Clark didn't lay permanent claim to the top of the country charts when her self-titled debut album was released in 1985.

But sturdy, career-defining hits came quickly with a string of rockish and rugged top 10 singles that included "When Boy Meets Girl" and "Better Things to Do."

She picked up her first ACM and Country Music Association awards nominations the following year as accomplished hits continued to pepper the charts. Among them: a vigorous cover of the late Warren Zevon's "Poor Poor Pitiful Me" — a '70s smash for another of Clark's idols, Linda Ronstadt.

But matching the commercial star power of such contemporaries as Faith Hill, Martina McBride and fellow Canadian Shania Twain has eluded Clark.

That's something she hopes to correct.

The recent "I Wanna Do It All" was a Top 5 hit, while "Girls Lie, Too" is roaring up the country charts this month faster than any of Clark's previous singles.

"You can look at a lot of artists that didn't hit their strides until 10 years into their career," she said by phone from Vancouver.

"It took Reba forever. She had five or six albums out on Mercury, switched to MCA and it still took an album or two there for her to really kick in."

"Some artists just build into a career and explode later on. I think it remains to be seen what will happen with me. But to be nine years into a recording career and now have the fastest-rising single of my career is unbelievable."

Regardless of how large Clark's star profile becomes, one major career goal will be achieved this month when she joins the Grand Ole Opry. An invitation was extended by Steve Wariner when Clark played a televised Opry show two weekends ago.

"All they told me when I went onstage was to sing the first song, talk for about 30 seconds and then sing the second song," Clark said.

"Then when Steve walked out after the first one, all I could think of was, 'Hello. We're on TV here.' I freaked out, because I thought something had gone terribly wrong. Then I saw my mother there. It was quite a moment."

For Clark, membership in the Opry is as much a family triumph as a career milestone. Her grandparents were



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Clark, above, hopes her career is mirroring that of her idol, late-blooming Reba McEntire, below.



NBC

country stars in Canada and regularly opened concerts for Opry legends as Little Jimmy Dickens. Clark also views the honor as a belated tribute to her grandmother, Betty Gauthier, who died in January.

"I have a letter my grandmother wrote me when I was about 13. She told how hard this kind of career was going to be, about how I needed to stick it out and keep my chin up. So it's just wild for me now to be standing up on an Opry stage looking at Little Jimmy Dickens knowing my grandfather sat up drinking with him in 1954 in a bar in Canada."

# Horoscope

The Aries moon is in its last quarter. Cancer tends to whip strong feelings to the surface. Channel all of that emotion into taking a project to the finish line. Success depends on going forward even when the fear and discomfort are nagging us to stop. Sudden changes happen in the evening. Even long-term restrictions will finally be lifted.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 9).** You're so spiritually powerful this year, you'll surprise yourself by attracting exactly what you need.

Feeling at peace will improve every area of your life. This month, your style in business attracts new jobs or clients. August brings love closer to your heart. Trips are featured in November and next May. Some of you will move out of state in September.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).**

You've got the chance to stretch your powers of compassion. Your love grows when you give it away. Reserve the right to be private about your love life, or you risk spilling the mystique you are cultivating.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).**

The stars are perfect for giving your life a quick review. Examine how you spend your time, and question the priorities that have you set for yourself. How do your activities add up to getting your goal? Family is a driving force.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).**

Different areas of your life that seemed at cross-purposes before are now living like a solid dance groove. Magical results come from combining your work with friendships, hobbies with love and finances with both.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).**

You smell the money, and you know exactly how to free it. It can't hurt that the law of averages is working in your favor. But as easily as it comes to you, it also has the potential to fly out of your hands. Be smart.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).**

So much of what happens today is based on your support system. If you don't have one, or it's not sup-

porting you in the fashion you need, it's apparent. Make changes quickly. You're a little on the gullible side tonight.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).**

Have the confidence to ask for special treatment today. More is available to you than you think. Instead of being merely sated, you could be knocked out by the possibilities! You are rewarded for dutiful action tonight.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).**

With some savvy thinking and fast action, you can really improve your financial sector. You could have a year off your mortgage or car payments! Lend an empathetic ear tonight, and you can nip a problem in the bud.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).**

You put great emotion into every decision. It's hard to know how to read your heart's cryptic messages. Art could be the great code breaker. Draw a picture of your life on both the "pro" and "con" side of the equation.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**

Worthy goals come with a certain amount of risk — if your goal isn't risky, it's not worthy. When you set your aims high enough, they'll actually create a vacuum that sucks you forward — you won't be able to help yourself!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**

Black-and-white worlds exist only in the movies. And just as the movies make such color limitations seem dramatic and shapely in real life, if you see things only as wrong or right, the drama escalates.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).**

Your talent shines. Don't be embarrassed! Your aesthetic sense is honed, and so are your communicative powers. You can relate a variety of sensations to the rest of the world through artistry and craftsmanship.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).**

It's comforting to be in a love relationship that feels safe, but too safe gets on your nerves. You crave adventure! Association with a Gemini or Taurus will provide you with the moment fun without getting you into trouble.

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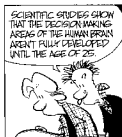
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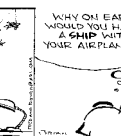
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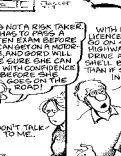
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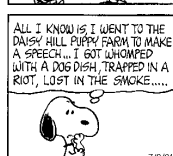
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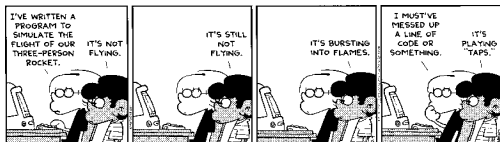
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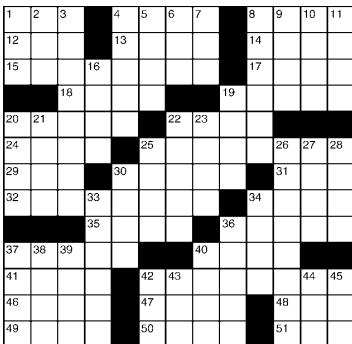
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Garfield



## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Baseball bat  
4 Body of laws  
8 Vicki Lawrence portrayal  
12 Understand  
13 Fairy-tale word  
14 Stravinsky or Sikorsky  
17 Skull  
18 Average grades  
19 Blissful places  
20 Masseuse's targets  
22 Fork feature  
24 Light provider  
25 Lunch-box item  
29 Smile center  
30 Hits on the head  
31 Extinct bird  
32 Tunnel workers  
34 Air pollutant  
35 Sunday paper section  
36 Banisher's cries  
37 Trousers  
40 Make  
41 Bygone, to Burns  
42 Qualcomm Stadium location  
46 Pharmaceutical  
47 Reed instrument  
48 Postal Creed word  
49 In — (actually)  
50 Low-pitched

## Down

- 51 Anderson's "High —"  
22 Valentino's dance  
23 Print-shop supply  
25 Santa's laundry problem  
26 About to happen  
27 Groovy  
28 Coven members  
30 Wield a cleaver  
31 Menial laborer  
33 Rani's wrap  
36 Tests the waters  
37 Put together  
38 "Yours, Mine, and —"  
39 Asset  
40 Grandson of Eve  
42 Cry  
43 Lawyers' org.  
44 Baby-talk syllable  
45 Hockey's Bobby

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 7-9

## CRYPTOQUIP

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G H N N X I V E R Q O N K ?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN GOING OUTSIDE TO TEND YOUR GARDEN, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR A WEEDING GOWN.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals T

# Son's hair object of contention

**Dear Abby:** I am an almost-14-year-old boy in Iowa. My father thinks my hair is too long and says I should get a summer cut — short like his, of course. The reason, according to my mom, is adults have said how bad my hair looks. I believe if they're going to be so rude as to say that to my mom, I should keep it long to keep them mad.

I get the feeling that my dad is afraid, as a physician, that it's hurting his reputation.

Abby, I'm a good kid. I get straight A's. I'm involved in many constructive activities, and my hair is just a little over my ears, almost touching my T-shirt collar in the back, and my bangs are brushed to the side. Who's right here?

**Dear Abby:** Every year, on my in-laws' birthdays, I prepare a beautiful dinner, bake or purchase a decorated cake and buy them a nice gift. My parents do the same for my husband.

When my birthday comes, my in-laws acknowledge it with only a card. My husband has talked to

gle over the length of your hair ruin your summer. A compromise may be in order.

Take a long, hard look in the mirror. If a number of people have said your hair looks "bad," perhaps it could be shaped — a little — into something less shaggy and more flattering. If you're afraid your dad's barber might scalp you, consider consulting your mother's hairdresser. Where I live, it's common to see males in beauty salons because their girlfriends, wives or mothers have sent them there.

**Dear Abby**



**Dear Abby:** Every year, on my in-laws' birthdays, I prepare a beautiful dinner, bake or purchase a decorated cake and buy them a nice gift. My parents do the same for my husband.

When my birthday comes, my in-laws acknowledge it with only a card. My husband has talked to

them about it (they are well off financially and could afford to take us out for dinner if his mom doesn't want to cook), but they feel that a card is adequate. They say, "People shouldn't do things for others because they expect something back."

Am I wrong to expect some kind of reciprocation? Frankly, I'm hurt.

**Dear Slighted in Missouri** are justified. Although I agree that people should not do things for others because they expect something back, by putting forth no effort on your birthday, they are sending the message that they haven't accepted you as a daughter. Perhaps when their next birthdays roll around, their son should be the one to prepare the dinner, make sure there's a birthday cake and purchase their gift. If he remembers, that is.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uspspress.com/dearabby> Universal Service Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the prize answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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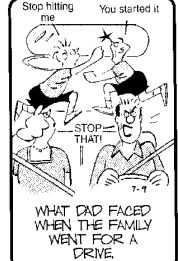
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Jumbles: DOUSE BASIS CANKER PSYCHE

Answer: His piano studies led him to the — "KEYS" TO SUCCESS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron

The 800/900 nos. have been DISCONTINUED.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the prize answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

# Dad needs to put the porn down

**Dear Annie:** My husband of 20 years recently told me his feelings for me are gone. I was not surprised because concerned about our marriage several years ago, when I noticed that "Ned" spent an excessive amount of time online looking at pornography, including one illegal site with teenage girls.

We are no longer together, but I have a 14-year-old son who will be visiting his father, alone, as part of our separation agreement. I am concerned that Ned will expose our son to his pornography collection.

He already has told me that looking at such images is "normal" and he sees nothing wrong in showing it to a 14-year-old.

In our final divorce papers, my lawyer is adding language that says Ned's computer has to be locked up when our son visits, but how can I be sure he will comply?

So, tell me, Annie: Is all this per a normal guy thing, or is there something wrong with my ex? Am I worrying about my son

Annie's Mailbox



needlessly?

**Dear Mom:** Some men like to look at pornography, but when the urge includes illegal online sites and hours in front of the computer every day, and it wrecks your marriage, it is not normal. You need to discuss this with your attorney, and make sure the judge knows what your concerns are.

Then talk to your son. He's no doubt aware of pornography, and able to understand that such images are demeaning to women and can create an unrealistic expectation of future relationships.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "No Grimm Stepmom," who asked how long she and her husband should continue subsidizing her 23-year-old stepson's college education. You said to put a time limit on the tuition payments, and possibly have the stepson find a

full-time job during the day and attend school at night.

When the writer said she remembers supporting herself at the same age, she ignores the fact that college tuition has risen faster than the rate of inflation. Students today are economically dependent a lot longer than our generation. When I graduated medical school in 1971, tuition was \$2,100 a year. It is now \$38,500. Medical students can accumulate \$200,000 in debt before they open their first practice.

**—Scottsdale, Ariz., Ophthalmologist**

**Dear Scottsdale:** Thanks for highlighting the difference between today's students and those of previous generations. We agree with you, but that doesn't mean parents should fork over cash indefinitely. At some point, children need to work it out on their own, one way or the other.

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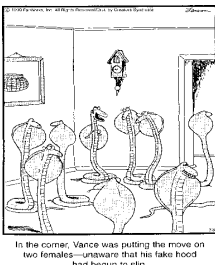
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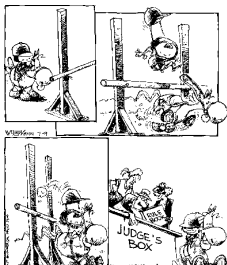
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The Far Side



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# L.A. expected to hire Tomjanovich as coach

## Lakers hope to name replacement by end of week

By JOHN NADEL  
The Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The Lakers' three NBA championships remained without a coach late Wednesday, but the hiring of Rudy Tomjanovich appeared imminent.

Tomjanovich would succeed Phil Jackson, who coached the Lakers to three NBA championships in five years. The team announced June 18, three days after losing to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals, that Jackson wouldn't return next season.

"We feel we've identified the guy that we want to hire," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said Tuesday, adding he hoped to have a coach in place by the end of the week.

Kupchak didn't identify Tomjanovich, but all indications are he's the only viable candidate remaining after Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, North Carolina coach Roy Williams and Miami Heat president Pat Riley decided

to remain in their current positions.

Kupchak did say Tomjanovich "would be a wonderful selection" if he gets the job.

Tomjanovich would be the fourth coach in NBA history to coach one team to multiple championships before being hired by another, joining Bill Russell, Riley and Jackson.

The 55-year-old Tomjanovich guided Houston to titles in 1994 and 1995. He coached the Rockets for 12 years before stepping down in May 2003 — two months after being diagnosed with bladder cancer.

He negotiated a settlement of the remaining two years and \$12 million on his coaching contract with the Rockets.

Reportedly in good health now, Tomjanovich worked as a scout with the Rockets last season — his 34th year with the organization he joined in 1970 as the second overall selection in the NBA draft.

Tomjanovich was the winning coach in Rockets history with a 503-397 record, but they failed to make the playoffs in his last four years there.

He would join an unsettled Lakers team — Kobe Bryant is an unrestricted free agent who reportedly favored the hiring of Krzyzewski, and Shaquille O'Neal has demanded a trade.

Derek Fisher and Karl Malone are also unrestricted free agents.

Tomjanovich, one of the first candidates interviewed and considered a top candidate from the beginning, had to wait as the Lakers discussed the job with Riley, Krzyzewski and Williams.

Riley, a winner of 1,110 games in 21 seasons — the first nine with the Lakers — said he spoke with Lakers officials but wasn't offered the position.

An offer was reportedly made last week to Krzyzewski, who announced Monday he was staying at Duke. Williams told the Lakers last month he wasn't interested in the job.



Tomjanovich

Jackson completed a five-year, \$30 million contract June 30.

According to several published reports, Tomjanovich is expected to agree to a similar deal.

Tomjanovich survived one of the scariest moments in NBA history on Dec. 9, 1977, at the Forum in nearby Inglewood when Lakers forward Kermit Washington blindsided him with a devastating punch that sent him crashing to the floor with several shattered facial bones.

Doctors later said the injuries were life-threatening, but Tomjanovich returned the following season wearing a protective mask and made one of his five appearances in the NBA All-Star game.

# Reports: Turkoglu joins Magic

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando Magic, in dire need of a small forward, have reached an agreement with restricted free agent Hedo Turkoglu on a six-year, \$39 million contract, according to published reports.

The 6-foot-10 Turkoglu will sign the offer sheet July 14, the first day NBA rules allow free-agent signings, Florida Today and the Orlando Sentinel reported for Thursday's editions.

A Magic spokesman said the team could not comment and Turkoglu's agent, Lon Babby, did not return a phone call Thursday.

San Antonio can match Orlando's offer, but Magic officials believe the Spurs will part with Turkoglu because the team is focused on re-signing free agents Bruce Bowen and Manu Ginobili. The Spurs have 15 business days to decide, meaning Turkoglu's signing could come as late as Aug. 4.

Turkoglu, 25, averaged 9.2 points and 4.5 rebounds last season with the Spurs. He played his first three seasons with the Sacramento Kings, averaging 7.5 points and 3.4 rebounds.

"Hedo had his choice of teams, but he really thought this would be the best situation for him," Babby told Florida Today. "Nobody made him any promises (about starting) because their roster is still very fluid. But he's seeing this as a great opportunity."

Babby also represents Spurs star Tim Duncan, along with Magic players Grant Hill and Pat Garrity.

The Magic need an offensive threat at small forward after trading away two-time scoring champion Tracy McGrady to the Houston Rockets. They also do not want to have to depend upon the healthy return of Hill, who has missed most of the past four seasons with a severely injured left ankle.

## Alston signs with Raptors

TORONTO — Free agent point guard Rafer Alston signed a six-year contract worth up to \$30 million with the Toronto Raptors, his agent said Wednesday.

Raptors spokesman Jim LaBumard confirmed Wednesday that the team was in negotiations with Alston but would not confirm the signing.

Alston played for the Miami Heat last season, averaging 10.2 points and 4.5 assists, while shooting 37.1 percent from three-point range.

He started the previous year with Mobile of the National Basketball Development League, and signed a 10-day contract with Toronto in January 2003. He ended up signing for the rest of the season, and averaged 7.8 points and 4.1 assists in 47 games.

Alston was the second-round draft choice by the Milwaukee Bucks in 1998.

# Romero, Lara, Price share Scottish Open lead

The Associated Press

LUSS, Scotland — Former champion Eduardo Romero, nearing his 50th birthday, Jose Manuel Lara and Phillip Price shot 6-under-par 65s Thursday to share the first-round lead at the Scottish Open.

Emanuel Canonica was alone in second following a 66, while eight golfers, including another former winner, Tom Lehman, were two behind. Ten more were three back.

Seven-time Order of Merit winner Colin Montgomerie, paired with defending champion Ernie Els and Lee Westwood, carded 69. That was one better than Els and two better than Westwood.

But Masters champion Phil Mickelson, who didn't play a practice round, had a 1-over 72 and was tied for 77th. On Wednesday he played at Royal Troon instead — the site of next week's British Open.

"It wasn't the best round today," Mickelson said.

Romero, who turns 50 on July 17, would become the oldest European Tour winner. He said he was thinking about delaying his move to the seniors' circuit, although he plans to play the Senior British Open in two weeks.

"I played well all year and fantastic today," said Romero, the 2002 champion. "It's the same swing. Maybe the head is different."

Lara had six birdies Thursday without dropping a shot, one on a 25-foot putt, the others thanks to good approach work.

Price, who beat Mickelson in singles at the 2002 Ryder Cup, finished second to Els last year.

Montgomerie said he wanted to beat Els and Westwood over the first two rounds. Westwood tied for second at the European Open. "Stay ahead of them, and I'm doing OK," Montgomerie said. "I'll have a chance to win."

Montgomerie holed a 14-foot birdie putt at the 10th — where he started — and 13th, then hit a 30-foot shot for birdie at the 16th.

He led at that point. But following another birdie at the fourth, he bogeyed the fifth and ninth — where he missed a five-foot putt.



Colin Montgomerie, right, with caddy Andy Forsyth at the start of his first round of the Scottish Open in Loch Lomond, Scotland. Montgomerie shot a 69 and was four strokes back.

Both bogies came after errant three woods. "I've had difficulty finding a three wood that works," said Montgomerie, who then went to play a round at Troon, his home club. "Every time I hit it today, I made a mistake."

Els was happy with his 70.

"I've got to be happy with that, but I could have made a few more putts," said Els, coming off a two-week break.

"I had 31 putts so I can do better than that, I

know. I drove the ball well and put myself in place on the fairways. That gave me a chance with my irons, but my iron play wasn't that good."

Mickelson was looking forward to the second round.

"The golf course looks nice, and I have an early tee time (Friday)," he said. "I'll try to turn it around."

Justin Rose, who failed in qualifying for the British Open almost two weeks ago, shot 79.

# Minnesota hurlers toss three straight shutouts to Royals: Blankity-blankity-blank

## Minnesota hurlers toss three straight shutouts to Royals

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins' starting pitchers played a game of "Can you top this?" against the hapless Kansas City Royals, and everyone came out a winner.

Kyle Lohse followed Johan Santana and Brad Radke by throwing the Twins' club-record third straight shutout, beating the Royals 12-0 Wednesday night.

"You don't want those kind of thoughts to cross your mind, but you obviously don't want to be the guy to give it up," Lohse said after his six-hitter.

Santana started the series with a three-hitter, Radke pitched a four-hitter, and Lohse closed out the sweep as Minnesota shut out an opponent in three consecutive games for the first time in its 44-year history. The streak of 27 scoreless innings is a franchise high.

The Twins' trio became the first to accomplish the feat since Baltimore's Mike Mussina, Scott Erickson and Kevin Brown in September 1995.

"Everybody's going to look like Cy Young right now, the way we're swinging," said De Brown, who had three hits for Kansas City, which has lost eight straight and 13 of 14.

Lohse (3-6) won for just the second time in his last 15 starts, getting more run support than he had in all of June. In five starts last month, the Twins scored a total of five runs while he was in the game. He struck out seven and walked none.

"I've been working hard all year and things haven't been working out," Lohse said. "Hopefully it's going me."

Rookie Joe Mauer had his first career four-hit game, and Minnesota's first five batters — Cristian Guzman, Lew Ford,



Boston's Nomar Garciaparra is greeted by a teammate after hitting a homer in the second inning of Wednesday night's 11-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics at Fenway Park.

Mauer, Corey Koskie and Torii Hunter — went 14-for-21 and scored all 12 runs. Hunter and Matthew LeCroy each had three RBIs.

Royals starter Dennis Reyes (2-4) got only three outs and was replaced by Justin Huisman after hitting Koskie with a pitch in the second. Reyes gave up six hits, six runs — four earned — and one walk.

"Mentally, this ballclub is beat," manager

er Tony Pena said. "It's a tough time, but these kids are trying."

**Red Sox 11, Athletics 3:** Pedro Martinez (9-3) allowed a run and five hits in seven innings and host Boston pounded Oakland.

Nomar Garciaparra, Manny Ramirez and Mark Bellhorn homered for the Red Sox, who scored 22 runs on 32 hits in the first two games of the series.

Oakland's Mark Redman (6-6) allowed six earned runs on nine hits in 2 1/2 innings.

**Tigers 10, Yankees 8:** Detroit beat up New York pitching for the second day in a row and won a series at Yankee Stadium for the first time since 1996.

Carlos Guillen had three hits, including a three-run homer, and the Tigers touched rookie Brad Halsey (1-2) for seven runs and nine hits in 4 1/2 innings.

The Tigers won after catcher Ivan Rodriguez and manager Alan Trammell were ejected in the first inning after arguing a called third strike.

Jeremy Bonderman (6-6) won it. Alex Rodriguez had a three-run homer for New York.

**Angels 12, White Sox 0:** Jarrod Washburn (9-4) pitched a four-hitter for his first career shutout and Jose Guillen homered twice and tied a career high with five RBIs for visiting Anaheim.

Angels catcher Bengie Molina grounded into a 5-4-3 triple play, the first for the White Sox since June 6, 1996.

Scott Schoeneweis (5-7) lost his fifth straight decision, allowing six runs in five innings.

**Blue Jays 12, Mariners 4:** Josh Phelps homered twice, including a grand slam that landed in the fifth deck at SkyDome, and had a career-high seven RBIs to lead Toronto over struggling Seattle.

Phelps also hit a two-run homer off Travis Blackley (1-1) and added an RBI double. Toronto's Josh Towers (3-3) allowed four runs and 10 hits in 6 1/2 innings.

The Mariners have lost five straight.

**Rangers 9, Indians 8:** Gary Matthews Jr. and Mark Teixeira hit two-run homers in the seventh as host Cleveland's bullpen blew its 20th save opportunity. Teixeira connected off Jeremie Robertson (1-1) and Matthews hit his off Rick White. Reliever Ron Mahay (2-0) won and Francisco Cordero got his 26th save.

**Devil Rays 13, Orioles 3:** Rob Bell (3-3) took a two-hitter into the eighth and Toby Hall and Damian Ralls had three RBIs apiece for visiting Tampa Bay. Baltimore's John Parrish (5-3) and four relievers combined to allow 14 hits and 11 walks.

# Ishii makes quick work of Diamondbacks

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kazuhisa Ishii cruised to his latest victory over Arizona in only 2 hours, 20 minutes. It was a long night for the Diamondbacks, though.

"He threw a lot of strikes to tonight. And when he throws strikes, he's very effective — especially against us," Arizona center fielder Steve Finley said. "He got the big lead and he just went right after us."

Ishii faced just 29 batters in his first career one-hitter, leading Los Angeles to its fifth consecutive victory, an 11-0 rout.

The left-hander, who has not allowed an earned run in six of his 10 career starts against Arizona, retired the first 12 hitters before giving up a leadoff walk in the fifth to Luis Gonzalez and a line single to left by Shea Hillenbrand.

That was all the Diamondbacks could manage. Gonzalez and Hillenbrand advanced on a two-out wild pitch, but Juan Brito grounded out. No one else reached base against Ishii, who pitched a no-hit



ter in Japan in 1997 for the Yakult Swallows.

Ishii (10-4) threw 103 pitches in his second career shutout, improving to 6-1 lifetime against Arizona. Three of his victories this season have come against the Diamondbacks.

"I just wanted to go as long as I could to give the relievers some rest," he said through a translator.

Alex Cora capped a six-run first inning with a three-run homer off knuckleballer Steve Sparks (3-5) and the Dodgers kept the NL West race in a California jumble. San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco are separated by a half-game.

Ishii struck out five and walked one. He was coming off his shortest outing of the season, a 7-3 loss at Anaheim in which he gave up seven runs in three innings.

"There are some good hitters in that lineup, but Kaz was in com-

plete control," Dodgers outfielder Dave Roberts said. "He's 10-4 for a reason. He's got great stuff. Sometimes he might lose focus, but tonight he was dead set on going after the hitters."

Jayson Werth and Jason Grabowski hit consecutive homers in the fifth inning and Shawn Green had two RBI singles, helping the Dodgers complete their first three-game sweep of the Diamondbacks since September 2000.

Arizona has lost 16 of 18 and one straight on the road, one short of the team record set last season.

**Giants 8, Rockies 4:** Barry Bonds hit his 681st homer and the host Giants snapped a four-game skid. Kirk Rueter (5-6) allowed three runs in 6 1/2 innings, and Pedro Feliz had three RBIs.

Emergency starter Adam Bernero (1-1) took the loss. Jose Kennedy was scratched shortly before the game because of a sore shoulder.

**Astros 5, Padres 1:** Roy Oswalt (8-6) won his fourth straight start and Jose Vizcaino had a

two-run homer off Jake Peavy (5-3) among his four hits. Oswalt improved to 4-0 with a 1.13 ERA against the host Padres.

**Pirates 4, Marlins 3:** Oliver Perez (5-4) pitched out Carl Pavano (9-4) and visiting Pittsburgh held on thanks to some outstanding defense. Jose Mesa struck out Damian Easley with two on for his 22nd save. Easley also made a key error at first base.

**Braves 14, Expos 2:** At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jaret Wright (6-5) pitched six innings and Andruw Jones homered twice and drove in five runs. Jones and J.D. Drew went 4-for-4 and homered in the sixth inning as the Braves swept the three-game series and won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Charles Thomas, Adam LaRoche and Rafael Furcal also connected as part of Atlanta's 17-hit attack. Livan Hernandez (6-8) lasted only two-plus innings.

**Brewers 4, Cubs 0:** Doug Davis (9-4) pitched four-hit ball for eight innings and struck out a career-high nine and Geoff Jen-

kins hit a two-run homer to help the host Brewers complete a rare three-game sweep of Chicago.

Carlos Zambrano (9-4) pitched four runs and four walks in 5 1/2 innings. The Cubs hadn't been swept in six series of three or more games since 2007 by Cincinnati.

**Cardinals 4, Reds 2:** Shortstop Barry Larkin's second error of the season led to the go-ahead run and Reggie Sanders' seventh-inning single sent the Cardinals to their sixth straight victory.

Jim Edmonds homered to help St. Louis sweep the three-game series at Philadelphia. Jason Irahiguera got his 20th save.

**Mets 10, Phillies 1:** Mike Cammer homered twice and drove in three runs. Steve Trachsel (9-6) pitched seven innings. Kaz Matsui had four hits and Cliff Floyd and Ty Wigginton homered for New York, which has won five of six at Philadelphia.

Pat Burrell homered for the Phillies, who have two runs in the past two games against New York. Brett Myers (5-6) gave up six runs and nine hits in 3 1/2 innings.



# Losing lead a temporary setback for Armstrong

By JAMEY KEATEN  
The Associated Press

CHARTRES, France — Lance Armstrong lost his overall lead in the Tour de France to Thomas Voeckler on Thursday, an honor the five-time champion willingly conceded — for now.

Withstanding rain-doused roads and high wind, Australia's Stuart O'Grady of Cofidis won the Tour's fifth stage with a sprint finish ahead of Voeckler and three other riders who broke early from the main pack and held on.

O'Grady thrust his arms in the air after winning a Tour de France stage for the second time in his career. Denmark's Jakob Piil was second and France's Sascha Casar was third. Voeckler, the French champion, was fourth.

At one point, the five-rider group built a lead as large as 17 minutes ahead of the pack on the 124.6-mile stage from Amiens to Chartres.

The breakaway riders clocked 5 hours, 5 minutes and 58 seconds; Armstrong and the pack finished 12 minutes, 33 seconds later.

Armstrong, who was 24th in the stage, fell to sixth overall — 9 minutes and 35 seconds off Voeckler's pace.

The U.S. Postal Service team tried to include George Hincapié in the break, but Jan Ullrich's T-Mobile team kept reeling them back in.

"We tried, but T-Mobile kept chasing down George, and the guys we put in the break," Armstrong said.

Asked if any of the five riders could threaten his try for the overall crown, Armstrong said, "I don't know."

Voeckler chuckled when asked what his lead over Armstrong meant.

"Oh, I don't think he's worried about me," the 25-year-old Frenchman said.

Voeckler, riding for Brioches Le Boulanger, epitomized how fickle the Tour can be from one day to the next. He entered the stage three minutes behind Armstrong in 59th place.

Mishaps — tire punctures, derailed chains and spills on



Lance Armstrong, left, pedals in the rain behind his U.S. Postal Service teammates during the fifth stage of the Tour de France on Thursday.

rain-soaked roads — marred much of the course through bucolic wheat fields and rolling hills northwest of Paris.

Armstrong, seeking a record sixth straight Tour victory, captured the overall leader's yellow jersey a day earlier, thanks in part to a first-place performance in the team time trial by his U.S. Postal Service squad.

But controlling the race lead so early brings pressures along with honors — and Armstrong's coach said the 32-year-old Texan was willing to give up the yellow jersey temporarily and focus on bigger threats.

"We can't kill the team for a breakaway by five people who aren't a threat in the overall classification," Postal sporting director Johan Bruyneel said. "I'm comfortable with the situation."

Four of Armstrong's U.S. Postal teammates crashed about halfway through the course. Jose Luis Rubiera was treated by a race doctor, who swabbed down his leg from a car as the rider hung on to the vehicle's window.

Australian sprint specialist Bradley McGee, who complained of hip problems from the start of the race, dropped out Thursday.

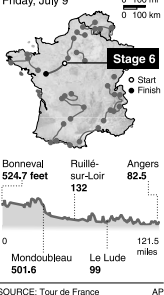
## 91st TOUR DE FRANCE

### Downhill dash

The Tour races downhill from Bonneval to Angers. Bonneval first hosted a stage in 1999, Angers in 1936.

### Stage 6

Friday, July 9



SOURCE: Tour de France

# Sailor who requires weekly testosterone cleared for Games

The Associated Press

American sailor Kevin Hall, a testicular cancer survivor who requires a weekly injection of testosterone, has been cleared by U.S. and international governing bodies to compete in the Athens Olympics.

Hall won the United States' berth in the single-handed Finn class during the trials in February, but still needed clearance from various governing organizations because testosterone is on the IOC's list of banned substances.

Hall received a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) waiver on May 26 from the International Sailing Federation. But the ISAF added a number of conditions that were recommended by the IOC, including that an independent referee, chosen by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, anonymously review Hall's medical profile and approve his dosages.

U.S. Sailing Association official Fred Hagedorn said he received the paperwork on Wednesday in which the independent referee supported the ISAF in issuing the exemption.

"It's a great relief that our athlete can continue to focus on sailing and that everything that he has done to date has been shown to be correct," Hagedorn said by phone from Chicago.

Hall, who's already in Athens training, wasn't immediately available for comment.

Hall, who grew up in Ventura, Calif., and now lives in Bowie, Md., was diagnosed with cancer in the fall of 1990 while a senior at Brown University. Between then and January 1993, he underwent three surgeries to remove both testicles and lymph nodes in his abdomen.

Dating to 1992, he tried four times in three different classes to qualify for the Olympics. He finally earned a berth by dominating the winner-take-all Finn trials in February, less than a year after taking up the class full-time.

### Decathlete O'Brien halts comeback

PHOENIX — Atlanta Olympics gold medal decathlete Dan O'Brien said Wednesday a pelvic bone injury has shelved his comeback plans.

## Olympics briefs

The 1996 decathlon champion won't compete in the upcoming U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials.

"Unfortunately, this injury does not allow me to run at full speed," O'Brien said in a statement. "It's extremely heartbreaking to train so hard for the last couple of years and not get back to the Games."

The latest injury likely will force O'Brien into retirement at age 37.

### Drechsler to miss Olympics

KARLSRUHE, Germany — Two-time Olympic long jump champion Heike Drechsler will skip the Athens Olympics because she is unhappy with her results.

"I've realized that my performance doesn't meet the necessary level at the moment," the 39-year-old German said Wednesday. "I am not able to jump for titles now, neither nationally nor internationally."

"That's why I am scrapping my title and Olympic plans," she said.

Drechsler won world titles in 1983 and 1993.

### Athens' rail, bus line workers strike for bonus

ATHENS, Greece — Transport workers prepared to shut down Athens' rail and bus lines Thursday in the latest strike over demands for extra pay for next month's Olympics.

The walkout, planned for six hours, was called by unions seeking special bonuses for expected additional work during the Aug. 13-29 Olympics. The strike was expected to close the city's subway, commuter rail and bus routes.

Labor groups have held a series of strikes and rallies to press for Olympic bonuses, which have been promised to police and other security forces in amounts up to \$3,000.

But the government has rejected more concessions because of skyrocketing Olympic costs projected to top \$12 billion.

# Track: Young and old alike have shot at Olympic team

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"It's my first year throwing some consistent performances," Crawford said. "I want to put up some consistent times and they can see I can be a contender. What we're working on in practice is coming together."

The man with whom Crawford is working in Raleigh, N.C., is the subject of conjecture and controversy. Trevor Graham is suspected of providing performance-enhancing drugs to some of the athletes, a charge made by Montgomery in grand jury testimony reported by The San Francisco Chronicle.

Crawford has not been painted with the taint of BALCO, though. He's a 26-year-old Clemson product whose greatest success to date has been at 200 meters, particularly indoors. This is his first year as a serious contender in the 100. Beating Greene and Montgomery, among others, at the Prefontaine meet bolstered his reputation and, seemingly, his chances of making the Olympic team.

On the women's side, Sacramento will be a test of Jones' fitness as well as her resolve. Right now her times place her among the leading group of U.S. women — Williams, Gaines, Torri Edwards, Inger

Miller, Gail Devers — but not light years ahead as in seasons past.

Then, too, there's the toll the BALCO accusations are having on Jones. Are they more bother or the bane of her existence? "I think the results speak for themselves," said of his girlfriend Jones, the mother of their year-old son.

The best Jones has managed this season is 11.04, well off her 1998 personal best of 10.65. On Friday and Saturday, she will have to face Williams, Gaines, Edwards, Miller, Devers and others for one of three spots on the Olympic team. In races this season, Jones has shown none of the

strength, lift or acceleration that characterized her years of dominance, 1997-2002.

"Are all the off-track things going on a distraction?" Jones said. "No, I will not use that as an excuse. It's been a challenge. I'm making a point when it's time to train, I put everything off to the side. When I step off the track, I deal with this. That's the nature of the game."

The game has changed, though. When Jones comes across the line fifth in 11.12 seconds and says these uncharacteristic words: "It got away from me and the other ladies messed me up."

It was a chilling comment from Jones but a cheering one to her competitors.



# Phelps' opening statement: A world record

BY BETH HARRIS

The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Michael Phelps claimed the first spot on the U.S. Olympic swim team with a world-record performance. He believes he can go even faster in Athens.

The 19-year-old from Baltimore broke his own record in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 4 minutes, 8.41 seconds Wednesday on the opening night of the trials.

"I wanted to go into the Olympics with the fastest time in the world," he said.

Phelps set the previous record of 4:09.09 last year in the world championships in Barcelona, where he became the first swimmer in history to break five world records in one meet.

There's no telling what he'll do in his other five events in the eight-day trials. Phelps' goal is to break Mark Spitz's 32-year-old record of seven Olympic gold medals.

"There are a few things I can fix, so at least I hope there's another hundredth or tenth in that race," he said about possibly lowering his latest world mark in Athens.

Natalie Coughlin, also expected to emerge as a star in Athens, will swim her first event Thursday in the 100 backstroke.

Three-time Olympian Jenny Thompson, who has a record 10 Olympic medals but not an individual gold, qualified for the 100 butterfly final Thursday night. She was fifth fastest in the semifinals at 59.17 seconds.

"I look to get better and better," she said. Ed Moses and Brendan Hansen, who shared the American record, set up a showdown in the 100 breaststroke final Thursday night.



Michael Phelps swims the breaststroke during the 400-meter individual medley in which he broke the world record with a time of 4:08.41 seconds at the U.S. Olympic trials.

Hansen's semifinal time of 1:00.13 gave him sole possession of the American record and just missed the world mark of 59.78 set by Japan's Kosuke Kitajima. Moses qualified fourth at 1:01.82.

Phelps will set record pace through the opening butterfly leg of the 400 IM, but made up for it in the backstroke. He even

had a chance to sneak a glimpse at the scoreboard.

"If there's a clock there, I'm going to look," Phelps said.

The crowd of more than 7,000 fans chanted "Go! Go! Go!" each time Phelps took his head above water during the breaststroke.

# Young, untainted stars undaunted at track trials

BY BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A new generation of talent will be on display at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials that begin Friday.

Undaunted by drug scandals, they represent fresh hope for a beleaguered sport.

Sprinter Lauryn Williams, miler Alan Webb, a trio of women in the 400 meters and pair of rising stars in the women's 400 hurdles are part of the 22-and-under crowd poised to make a run at the U.S. team.

"I don't think there's any reason I should sell myself short," Williams said. "I want to go to Greece. No maybes, ifs, ands or buts about it."

Williams' personality is a breath of fresh air in the sport. Spontaneous, outgoing, she said she gets "my fast talking from my mom and my fast running from my dad."

Just 5-foot, 3-inches tall and 110 pounds, with an unorthodox, leaping-forward running style, Williams boosted her Athens expectations after a sensational NCAA meet last month in Austin, Texas.

Her 10.97-second clocking in the finals June 11 is the second-fastest in the world this year. Only Iveta Lalova of Bulgaria has run faster — 10.77.

During the week in Austin, Williams went from just wanting to make the finals at the trials, to believing she had a chance to make the Athens team.

"I'm Lauryn Williams, you're Chryste Gaines or whoever. So what?" Williams said at the time. "I'm not going to be in awe of any of the pro athletes."

Williams, 20, plans to return to the University of Miami for her senior year. Webb, who broke Jim Ryun's high school mile record three years ago, left the University of Michigan after one season to turn pro and sign a contract with Nike.

After problems with injury and illness, Webb came back this year to win against a field loaded with international talent in Ostrava, Czech Republic. He returned to the Prefontaine Classic — site of his high school mile record run — and broke another of Ryun's records with the fastest mile by an American on U.S. soil — 3 minutes, 50.83 seconds.

At 21, he knows his best races should be ahead of him, and he is the big favorite in the 1,500 in Sacramento. But he never has had to negotiate the qualifying rounds that precede the finals at the trials.

"I definitely think I'll be ready for it," Webb said. "I'm not going to take anything for granted, including any of my first two rounds. I'm going to be ready for

every and any kind of situation that could come up."

The women's 400 features three runners who have faced each other through standout college careers.

Sanya Richards, 19, is the reigning U.S. champion in the event but finished third at this year's NCAA meet on her home track — behind Dee Dee Trotter of Tennessee and Monique Henderson of UCLA.

All three are competing in Sacramento.

Michele Collins, one of four athletes accused of taking performance enhancing drugs by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency even though she has not tested positive, has the fastest time among Americans at 50.02 seconds, followed by Trotter (50.32), Richards (50.49) and Henderson (50.62).

Richards gained valuable experience at last year's world championships in Paris, where she failed to make the finals, but came back to anchor the winning U.S. 1,600-meter relay team.

Sheena Johnson's 53.5-second mark in winning the 400 hurdles in the NCAA meet stands as the No. 2 time in the world, behind the 53.52 of another young jumper, Australia's 21-year-old Jana Pittman.

Lashinda Demus of South Carolina has the second-fastest time among Americans, 54.22, also at

# IAAF won't attempt to ban U.S. athletes from Games

BY STEPHEN WILSON

The Associated Press

LONDON — Track and field's world governing body will not intervene to suspend American athletes facing doping allegations unless there is evidence they failed drug tests.

That means four U.S. athletes facing possible lifetime bans — but who have not tested positive for drugs — could compete at the Athens Olympics if their arbitration hearings have not been resolved by then.

"In the absence of facts, the IAAF cannot and will not do anything," IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulai told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "If there is a positive test available, this is the only way the IAAF can proceed" while the cases are pending.

Gyulai said the International Association of Athletics Federations expects that the six pending U.S. doping cases will be completed before next month's Olympics.

"We would be very disappointed if they are not," he said by phone from IAAF headquarters in Monaco.

All the cases could ultimately end up before the international Court of Arbitration for Sport, and the IAAF would have to honor the rulings even if the athletes were banned without testing positive for drugs.

U.S. Track & Field said Tuesday that Tim Montgomery — the 100-meter world-record holder — and the five others facing doping charges would be allowed to compete at the U.S. Olympic trials beginning Friday in Sacramento, Calif.

Montgomery and sprinters Chryste Gaines, Michelle Collins and Alvin Harrison have been notified by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency they face lifetime bans in the BALCO steroid investigation. All are contesting the allegations.

None of the four failed a drug test.

the NAAs.

Other youngsters can threaten in a meet that has everything at stake in a sport where the Olympians

are the ultimate goal. The top three finishers qualify for Athens, providing they've met Olympic standards.

# RACING STRIPES

A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

## Gordon running with young guns

### Old pro competing for fifth Cup championship under new scoring system

By JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

In any other season, Jeff Gordon would be a long shot to win the championship.

But under NASCAR's new points system, Gordon is a legitimate threat. After back-to-back victories the past two weeks, he might even be the top contender. Coming off dominating wins on two very different racetracks — the windy road course at Sonoma and the superspeedway at Daytona — Gordon headed into Sunday's race in Chicago in third place in the standings, 232 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson.

Making up that kind of ground would have been a struggle under the old points system. But this year, NASCAR will reset the field with ten races to go and all drivers in the top 10 will run for the championship.

"If you're leading, you hate this system. And if you're way back, you love it," Gordon said. "It's going to be extremely interesting as to how it all turns out over the final 10 because at that point, basically everything you did all year long is a wash."

"You'd just better hope that your momentum and the experiences you've had are the payoff and you have that in those last 10."

Johnson, Gordon's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports, has not wavered in his dislike for the new points system.

And why should he? He'll have worked hard for 26 races to put himself in position to win his first NASCAR championship. Then, just when it's within his reach, he'll have Gordon bearing down on him in pursuit of his fifth title.

It could be a strain on the four-year-old relationship that began when Gordon became Johnson's mentor, friend and co-owner of Johnson's car.

"It will be different for us," Johnson said. "Obviously, we have raced against each other for years and competed at that level, but a championship will be a

whole new thing."

Because the field will be reset, it's possible any of the drivers eligible for the final 10-race shootout could win the title. But garage insiders already have an idea on how it might play out.

"I think the two Hendricks cars have a really good chance of finishing 1-2 in the championship," said car owner Ray Evernham, who runs three championships as Gordon's crew chief. "Jimmie and Jeff both look like they can make a run at it."

Until recently, Gordon was just trying to keep up with Johnson.

Although he has a series-high four victories and won back-to-back races in April at Talladega and California Speedway, the No. 24 team faltered with horrible runs in Charlotte and Dover.

The Charlotte race was the low point of the season. Gordon started third, but the car was never good and they finished 30th, seven laps down from race-winner Johnson.

The rebound began in mid-June at Michigan, when Gordon won the pole and led 81 of the first 88 laps until his engine blew. Despite his 38th-place finish, Gordon showed he was back.

He's won two races since then, starting

from the pole each time for three consecutive front-row spots.

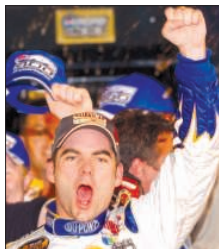
"I tell you what, it makes me feel pretty darn good right now, that's for sure," Gordon said. "What a way to get momentum — to be strong week-in and week-out, on totally different types of tracks."

Now he heads to Chicago, one of just four tracks on the circuit where Gordon has yet to win. Despite his failure to reach Victory Lane there, Gordon has two top-fives and an average finish of 7.6 in three starts at the 1.5-mile speedway.

Gordon, who needs just one more win to tie Cale Yarborough for third on Nextel Cup's modern-era list with 69 victories, would love for it to come at Chicago.

"It would be nice to win at a track that we haven't won on yet," he said. "It's a cool statistic, but that's not my goal."

"My goal is to get better everywhere we go, try to win every race and, ultimately, win the championship. Winning at a track we've never won on would be icing on the cake."



Jeff Gordon is riding the momentum of back-to-back victories heading into Sunday's Nextel Cup race in Chicago.



Jeff Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet.

AP photo

### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

#### Race 18: Triocana 400, 9:30 p.m. Sunday CET, AFN-Atlantic

**Last race:** Jeff Gordon, starting from the pole for the third consecutive race, recorded his second straight win at the Pepsi 400 in Daytona. His Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson finished second.

Gordon already has led on active Nextel Cup drivers in victories at Daytona and Talladega, earned his eighth restrictor-plate

victory and became the first driver to win the Pepsi 400 from the pole since Cale Yarborough in 1981.

**Last year:** Ryan Newman stretched his last tank of fuel and won the Triocana 400, spoiling Kevin Harvick's bid for three straight Chicago Speedway victories. Harvick ran out of gas two laps from the finish.

#### DRIVERS TO WATCH



**Kevin Harvick** has led 188 laps in 100 of his 100 races, but he's led less than any other driver. He's putting his hopes on the bubble for the new Chase for the Championship.



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### POINTS RACE

After 17 of 36 races

1. Jimmie Johnson	2,545
2. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2,518
3. Jeff Gordon	2,313
4. Tony Stewart	2,303
5. Matt Kenseth	2,189
6. Bobby Labonte	2,184
7. Kurt Busch	2,153
8. Elliott Sauter	2,152
9. Ryan Newman	2,112
10. Kevin Harvick	2,095
11. Casey Mears	1,994
12. Jeremy Mayfield	1,948
13. Jamie McMurray	1,944
14. Mark Martin	1,939
15. Dale Jarrett	1,918
16. Casey Mears	1,880
17. Tony Stewart	1,835
18. Michael Waltrip	1,822
19. Brian Vickers	1,792
20. Sterling Marlin	1,790

### BUSCH SERIES

This week: Triocana Twister 300 in Joliet, Ill. (Live, 8 p.m. Saturday, AFN-Sports).

**Last race:** Mike Wallace jumped from fifth to first on the last lap and won the Winn-Dixie 250 at Daytona Beach, Fla. The victory snapped Wallace's 17-race winless streak in Busch races dating to 1994.

**Last year:** Bobby Hamilton Jr. overcame a bad start, leading all but a handful of laps in winning the Triocana Twister 300. Hamilton took the lead from polester Casey Mears on the third lap and led 186 of the 200 trips around the 1.5-mile oval, including the last 53.

**Last year:** Michael Schumacher continued his dominance by winning the French Grand Prix for the seventh time. Schumacher has won nine of the first 10 races this season and has a 22-point lead over Rubens Barrichello in the championship standings.

**Last year:** Ferrari's Barrichello won the British Grand Prix, ending the recent dominance of Williams-BMW. Barrichello finished 5.4 seconds ahead of Juan Pablo Montoya of Williams-BMW in a race disrupted on the 12th lap when a man ran onto the track.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

This week: Built Ford Tough 225 in Lexington, Ky. (Live, 2 a.m. Sunday, AFN-Sports).

**Last race:** Carl Edwards overcame a first-lap accident to win the O'Reilly Auto Parts 250 at Kansas Speedway. But Edwards' Ford failed inspection after the race because it did not meet the minimum weight requirement.

**Last year:** Edwards raced to his first victory, beating Ted Musgrave by 3.568 seconds in the Built Ford Tough 225.

**Last year:** Tracy led every lap of the Molson Indy and easily beat Michel Jourdain Jr. to win on his home track in Toronto for the first time in 10 years.

### CHAMP CARS

This week: Grand Prix of Toronto (Live, 10 p.m. Sunday, AFN-Racing).

**Last race:** Sebastian Bourdais took advantage of a first-lap crash that knocked out polester Paul Tracy and won the Cleveland Grand Prix for the second straight year.

**Last year:** Bourdais won the Indy for the first time in 10 years.

### INDY RACING

**Last race:** Buddy Rice edged Rahal teammate Vitor Meira by .005 seconds — the second-closest margin in Indy history — to win the Argonne Mortgage Indy 300 at Kansas Speedway.

**Next race:** Firestone Indy 200, July 17, Glendale, Tenn.

# Photos from the Front

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**TOP** Petty Officer 3rd Class Carlos Hernandez, left, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, supervises as Iraqi worker as he cuts wood that will be used to support a hut at the Fallujah Liaison building located outside of Fallujah, Iraq. The Seabees teach the local Iraqis to build in the hopes that they will use the skills to help rebuild their community.

*CHRISTOPHER M. TESSUTO/U.S. MARINE CORPS*

**RIGHT** Staff Sgt. Keith Melick, an Army Medic with Company C, 325th Forward Support Battalion, examines the right eye of an Afghan citizen during a civil military assistance visit to the Afghan National Police Center in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

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## SPORTS



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## BALCO zaps sprinters' burst

Doping cases slowing some U.S. Olympic track hopefuls at trials

BY JOHN CRUMPACKER  
San Francisco Chronicle

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — What hath BALCO wrought? It's a question that will be answered, in stages, by the end of the first weekend of the Olympic track and field trials.

A year ago, Marion Jones was a new mom, Kelli White was on top of the world and Tim Montgomery was still enjoying the fruits of his world-record dash from 2002.

As the Olympic trials begin Friday on the Sacramento State campus, Jones is struggling to regain her championship form while

fending off a doping investigation, White is sitting out a two-year suspension for drugs, and whatever fruits Montgomery reaped for being the fastest man in the world are rotting in the summer sun.

"I will be in Sacramento and make my second Olympic team and be in Athens," a defiant Jones said last month at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, Ore., where she finished fifth in the 100 meters.

Montgomery and another 100-meter specialist, Chryste Gaines, were accused of doping

offenses by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency but remain eligible to compete in the trials. They are appealing the charges before the International Court of Arbitration for Sport, which is expected to hear their cases soon.

The women's 100 has its first two rounds Friday, with the semifinal and final Saturday. The men have their first two rounds Saturday and the semi and final Sunday.

The fallout from the BALCO doping scandal could result in a return to prominence for Maurice Greene among the men and a refreshing newcomer among the

women in Miami's Lauryn Williams, the NCAA champion with a U.S.-leading best of 10.97.

Old and new will be a familiar theme during these trials as experienced athletes confirm their mastery once again while rookies attempt to join them on the Olympic team.

"I'm in great form right now," said Greene, who has lost only once this season. "I'm healthy. The last two years I've been dealing with a lot of injuries. Now I'm 100 percent healthy. As long as I'm 100 percent healthy, the sky's the limit. I'm going to push my body and run faster than any man has before."

Until the middle of last month, Greene looked unbeatable as he swept through a series of meets looking strong, fast and confident.

Then, on June 19 in Eugene, Ore., Greene was surprised by fellow American Shawn Crawford in the 100 at the Prefontaine Classic.

Greene ran well — in fact, he turned in his season-best time of 9.93 seconds — but Crawford, running in an outside lane, sneaked up on Greene and passed him at the finish in a 2004 world-leading time of 9.88.

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## Four strokes of genius



Michael Phelps celebrates as he looks at the scoreboard after breaking the world record in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 4 minutes, 8.41 seconds at the U.S. Olympic swim trials in Long Beach, Calif., Wednesday. See story on Page 33.



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